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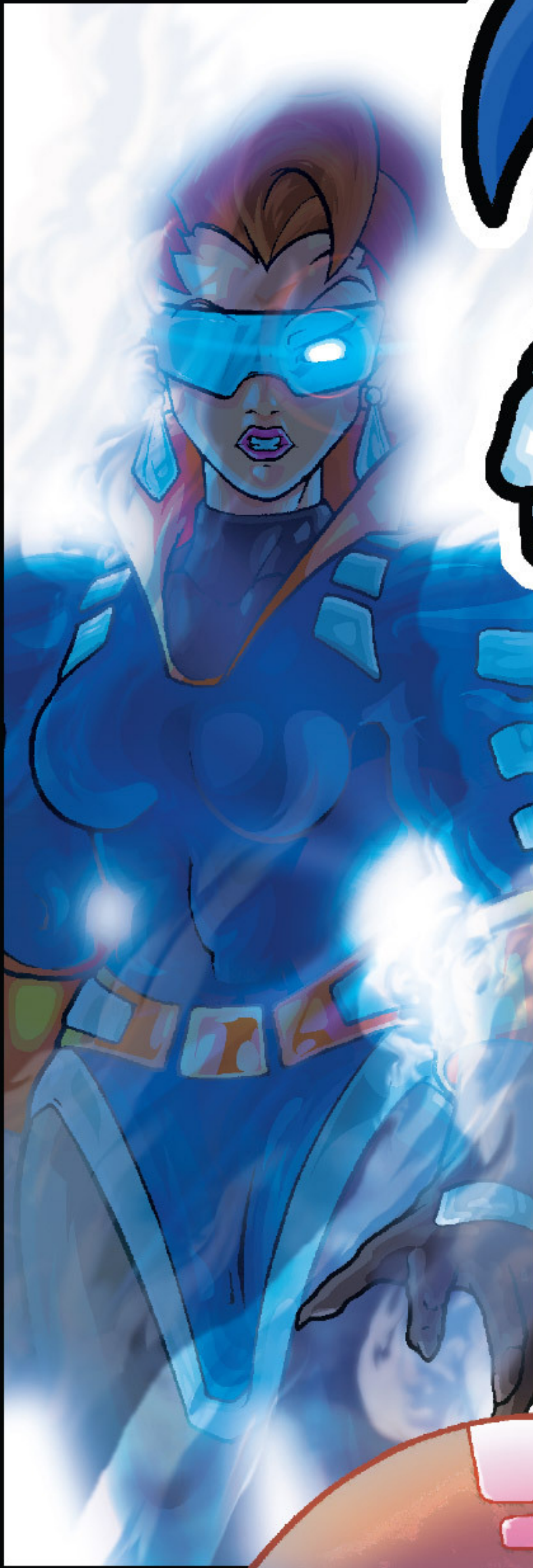
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## THE HEDGEHOG

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# THE DARKEST STORM

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I AM CALLED ANONYMOUS.

I HAVE CATALOGUED EVERY MAJOR THREAT TO SONIC THE HEDGEHOG...

I WILL ENSURE THE MOST POWERFUL THREATS REMAIN...

...SO THAT I MAY DESTROY THEM!

THE FIRST CONTENDER IS--

MAMMOTH MOGUL!

WE HAVE TO TAKE HIM DOWN QUICK!

LIKE I'D DO IT ANY OTHER WAY.

MERLIN! IF MOGUL IS FREE, THEN THAT MEANS...

I'M AFRAID SO, SIR CONNERY!

OH, MERCIFUL CHAOS FORCE...!

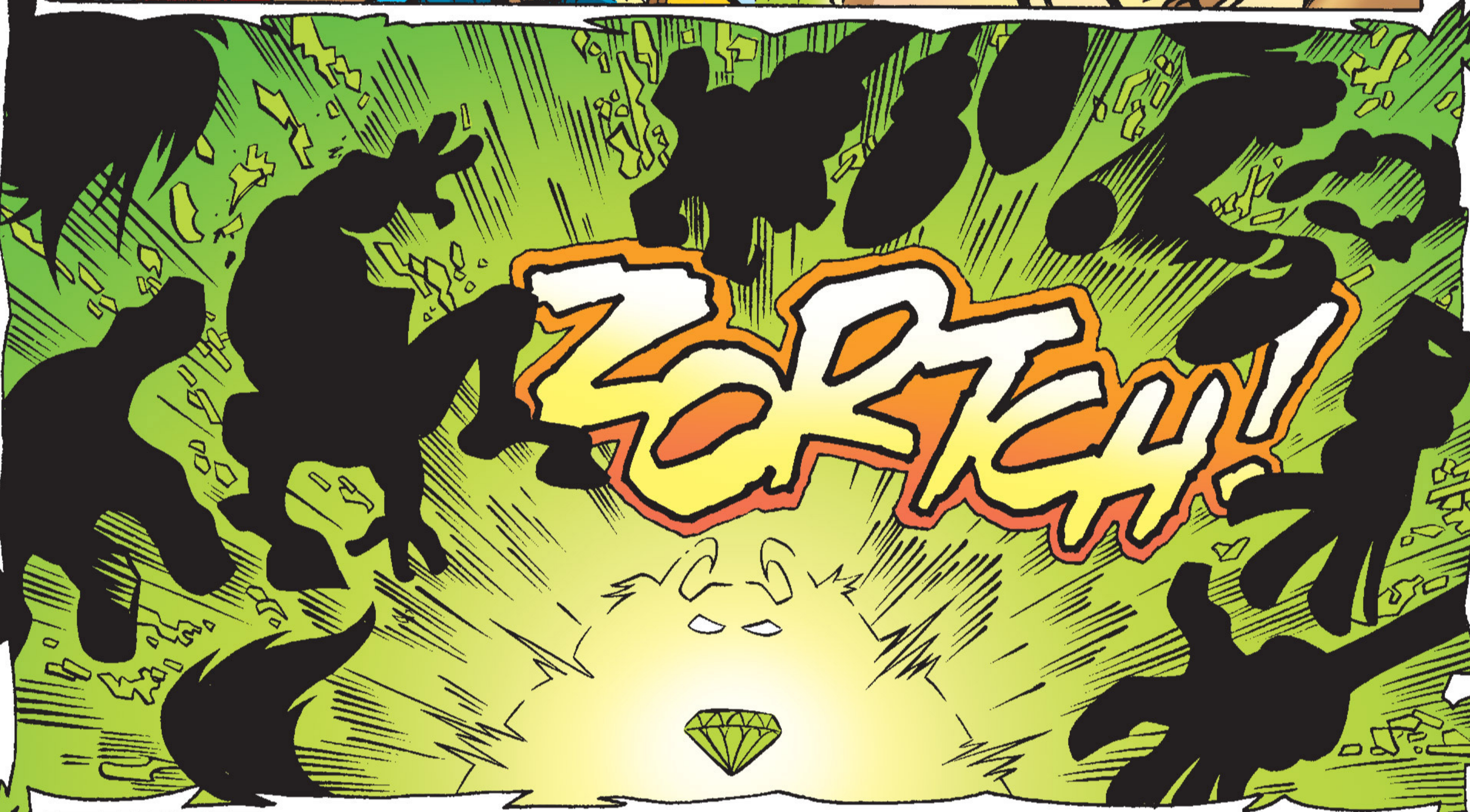


"THE ANCIENT WALKERS ARE DEAD!"

WHAT'S WITH THE SHIELD, CHUBBY?

NOT SUCH A BIG-SHOT WHEN YOU DON'T HAVE SO MUCH CHAOS ENERGY?

YOU WILL RUE THE DAY YOU SLEW THE NOBLEST BEINGS TO GRACE MOBIUS!



NEW MEGAOPPLIS--EGG GRAPE CHAMBER.

MAMMOTH MOGUL WAS FREED BY THE DEATH OF THE ANCIENT WALKERS.

HAS THE EGG GRAPE CHAMBER COOLED DOWN, A.D.A.M.?

YES, FATHER. I DO NOT THINK YOU WISH TO RETURN JUST YET.

THE ANCIENT WALKERS WERE KILLED BY THE BREACH OF ANOTHER DIMENSION.

OF COURSE YOU DON'T THINK! YOU ANALYZE AND PROCESS! NOW OPEN THAT DOOR!

YES, FATHER!

THE DIMENSIONAL BREACH RELEASED ANOTHER DEADLY PLAYER INTO MY PLANS--

EGAD!

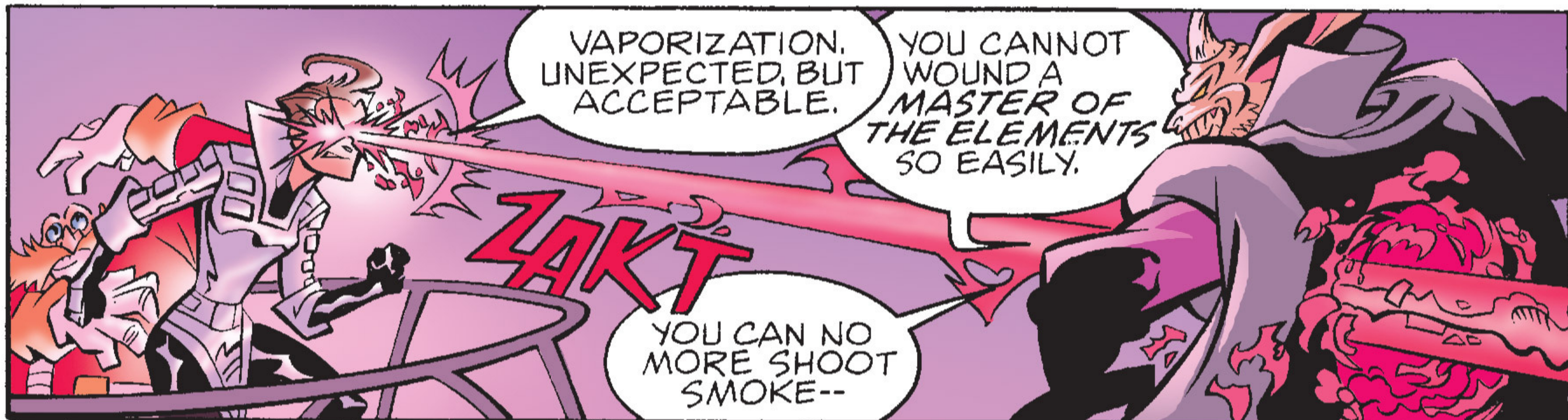
IXIS NAUGUS!

DOCTOR ROBOTNIK. YOU'VE LOST WEIGHT.

M! BE A GOOD GIRL AND ROAST DADDY'S HATED NEMESIS!

WITH PLEASURE, FATHER.





VAPORIZATION, UNEXPECTED, BUT ACCEPTABLE.

YOU CANNOT WOUND A MASTER OF THE ELEMENTS SO EASILY.

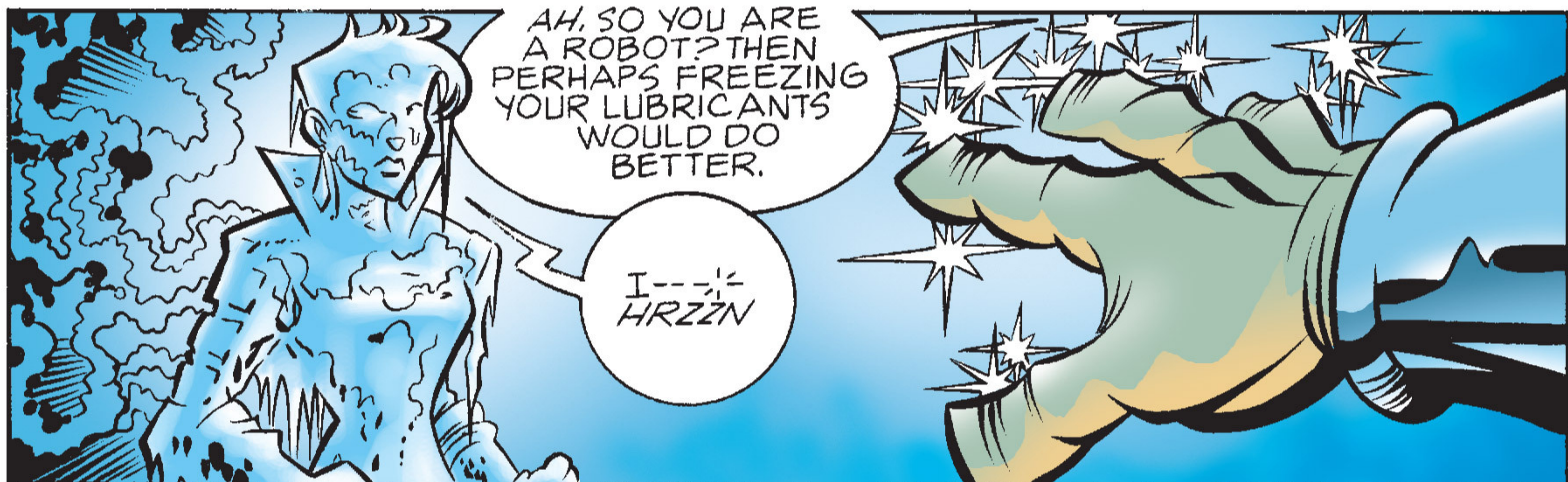
**ZAKT**

YOU CAN NO MORE SHOOT SMOKE--



--THAN YOU CAN BREATHE IN A VACUUM!  
**HA HA HA HA!**

ROBOTS DO NOT NEED TO BREATHE.

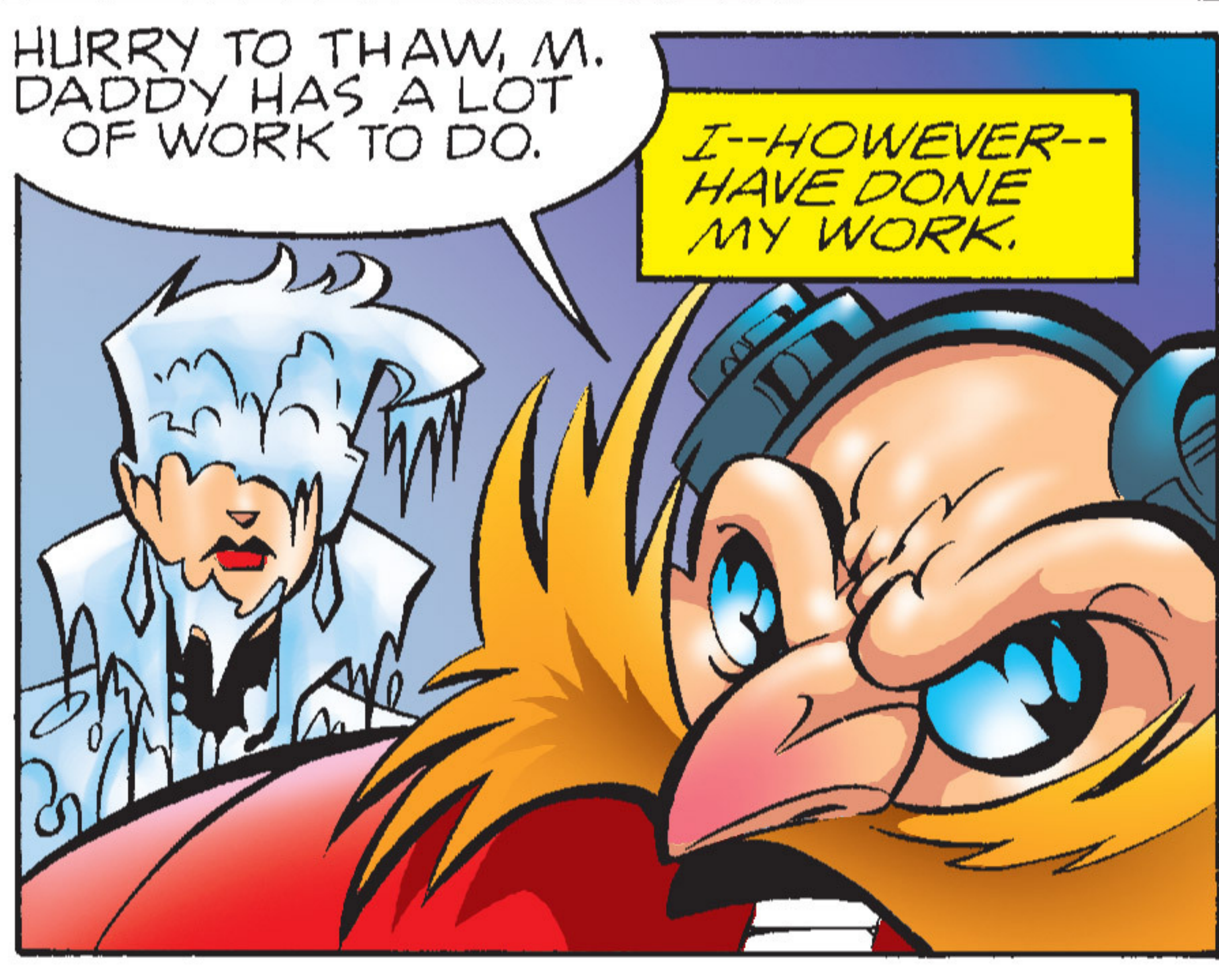
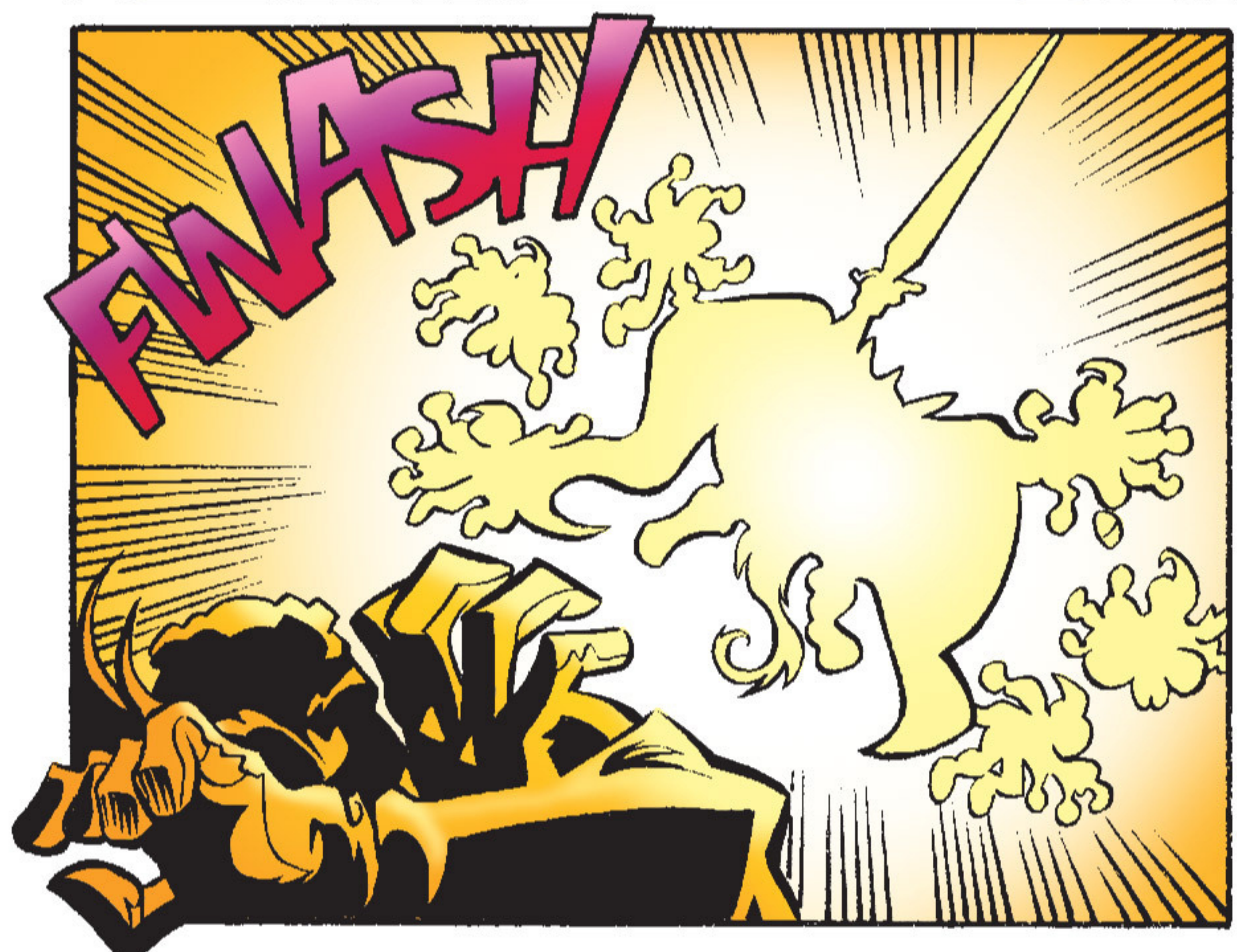


AH, SO YOU ARE A ROBOT? THEN PERHAPS FREEZING YOUR LUBRICANTS WOULD DO BETTER.

I---  
HRZZN



I HAVE NOT RETURNED FOR VENGEANCE JUST YET, ROBOTNIK, ONCE I HAVE FOUND THE MATE TO THE SWORD, MY POWER WILL BE UNRIVALED. THEN WE WILL HAVE OUR RECKONING.



HURRY TO THAW, M. DADDY HAS A LOT OF WORK TO DO.

I--HOWEVER--HAVE DONE MY WORK.

THE PLAYERS ARE SET.

ALL I MUST DO IS WAIT AND WATCH.

WOW, I SURE REGRET NOT STICKING WITH YOU GUYS!\*

\*SEE SONIC # 68.

BIG BAD FEARSOME FOUR--SOME--NO, EXCUSE ME, DESTRUCTIX--GOT THROWN IN THE SLAMMER IN RECORD TIME! BWAHAHA HA!

WHAT IS THAT LIGHT...

HOLY--!

SEE YOU LATER.

YOUR DESTRUCTIX PLEDGE THEIR LIVES TO YOU ONCE MORE, LORD MOGUL.

DESTRUCTIX? HOW... QUAIN.

RISE, MY MINIONS. A MONUMENTAL QUEST LIES BEFORE US TO ACQUIRE THE SWORD OF ACORNS WE SHALL BEGIN SEARCHING--

AH, KNOTHOLE! IT HAS GROWN PROSPEROUS. OF COURSE, THE CROWN OF ACORNS WOULD BE HERE.

HOW SERENDIPITOUS. THE ACQUISITION OF THE SWORD OF ACORNS HAS BECOME INFINITELY LESS ONEROUS.

FWASH

AH!

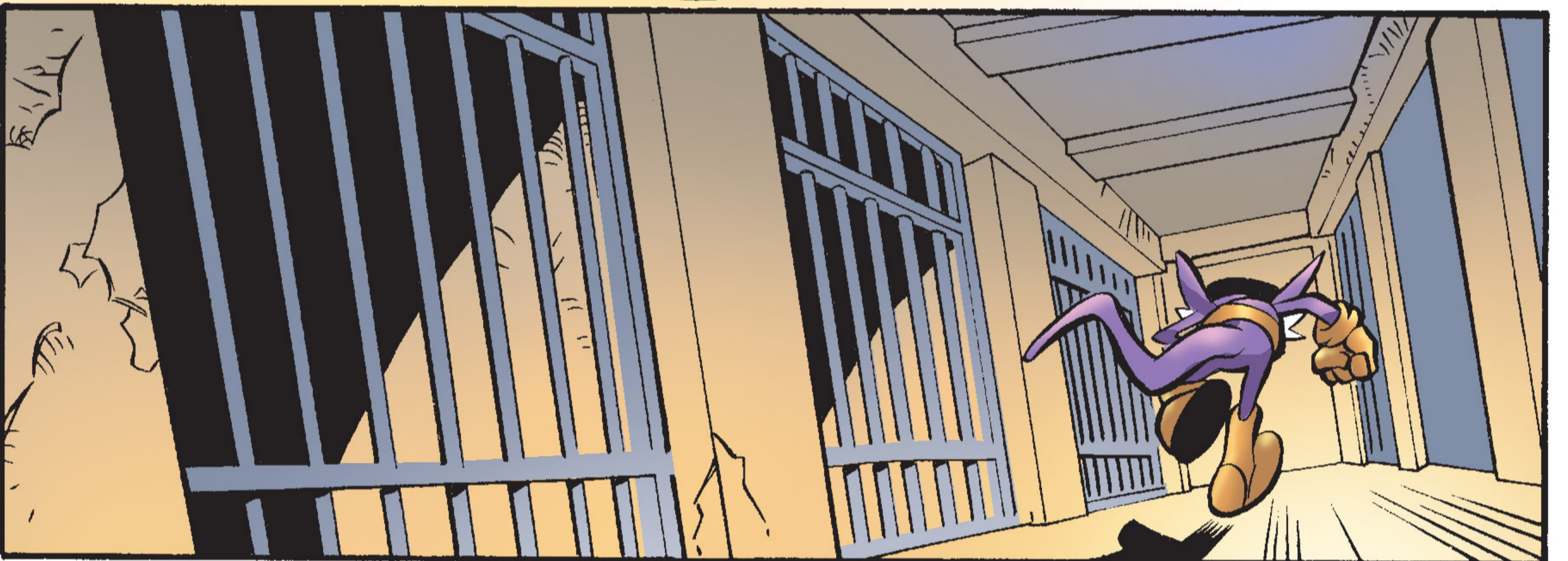
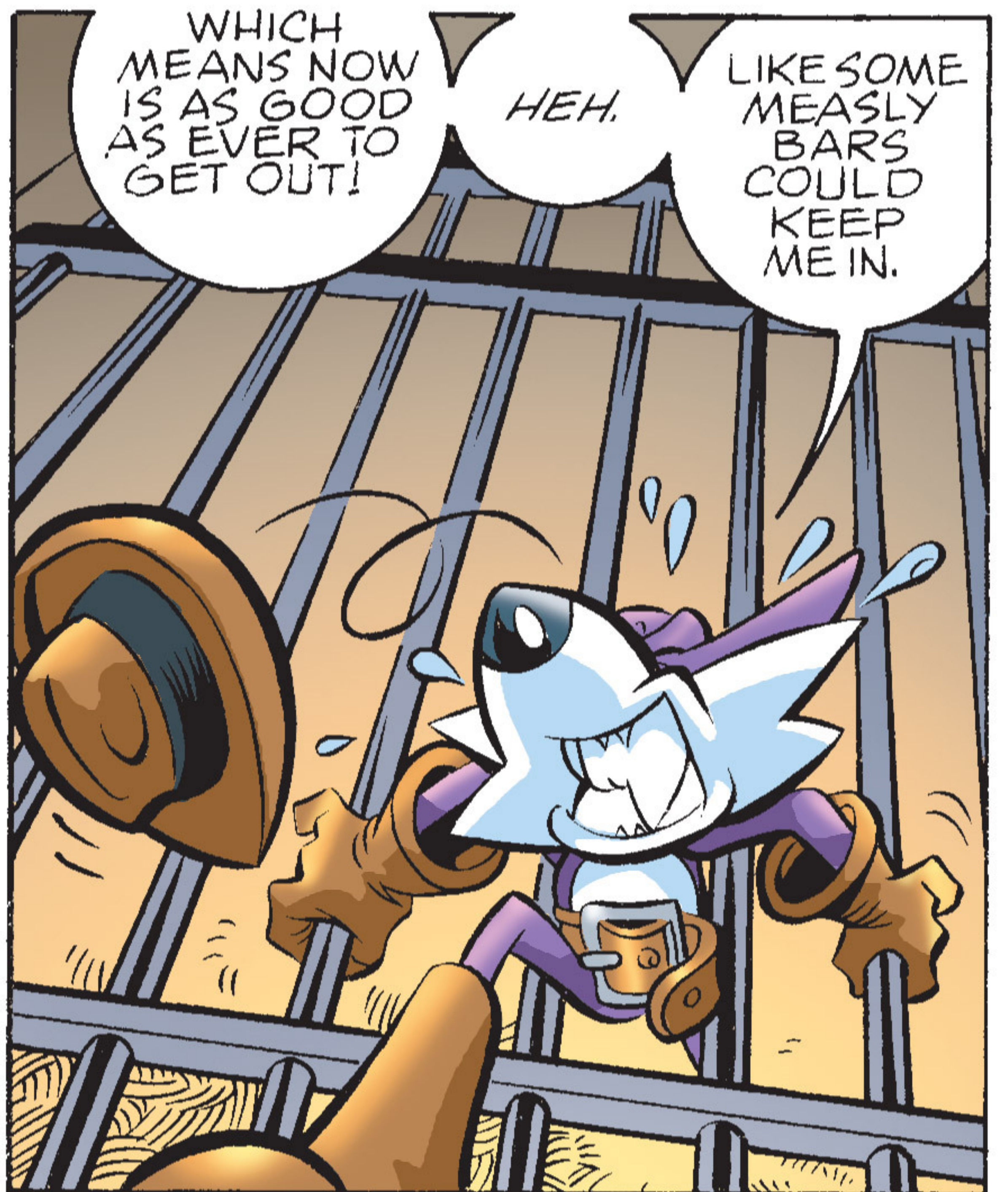
YOU! HAND OVER THAT RELIC! I WILL POSSESS THE LAST OF THE SOURCE OF ALL!

FOOL! I AM IXIS NAUGUS, MASTER OF THE ELEMENTS! HE THAT FUSED THE VOID WITH THE ZONE OF SILENCE! THE LAST GREAT LORD OF THE ORDER OF ISIS!

YOU CANNOT FATHOM HOW INFERIOR YOU ARE IN COMPARISON. NOR ARE YOU THE LAST LORD OF THE ORDER. MY ORDER.

FOR YOUR SALES, GUYS...

...I HOPE YOU CAN FIGHT AS MUCH AS YOU CAN TALK. WE'LL BE TAKING THOSE BACK NOW, BY THE WAY.





SWEET, SWEET,  
DISCORD AND  
STRIFE.



NOW TO  
MOVE THE  
FINAL  
PLAYER.

I HAVE FINISHED  
MY ANALYSIS,  
FATHER.

AND??

ONLY THE OCCUPIED  
EGG GRAPES WERE  
LOST TO THE ZONE  
OF SILENCE. YOU  
RETAIN ALL OF  
YOUR NON-OCCUPIED  
EGG GRAPES.

FOR WHAT  
GOOD IT  
DOES ME  
RIGHT NOW.

FEELING  
BETTER,  
DEAR?

YES, FATHER,  
I AM BACK  
AT PEAK  
EFFICIENCY.

I HAVE DETER-  
MINED HOW THE  
SPIDER NINJAS INFIL-  
TRATED  
THIS AREA.

I HAVE  
FOUND  
WHO  
ORCHES-  
TRATED  
ALL OF  
THIS.

EXCELLENT!  
GIVE US THE  
DETAILS, A.D.A.M.!

I HAVE FOUND PROOF  
THAT THE FAULT LIES  
WITH ANONYMOUS...  
WITH THE HELP OF  
MECHA.

WHAT?!

THAT  
...THAT  
IS NOT  
TRUE!

I HAVE  
PROOF.  
WATCH.

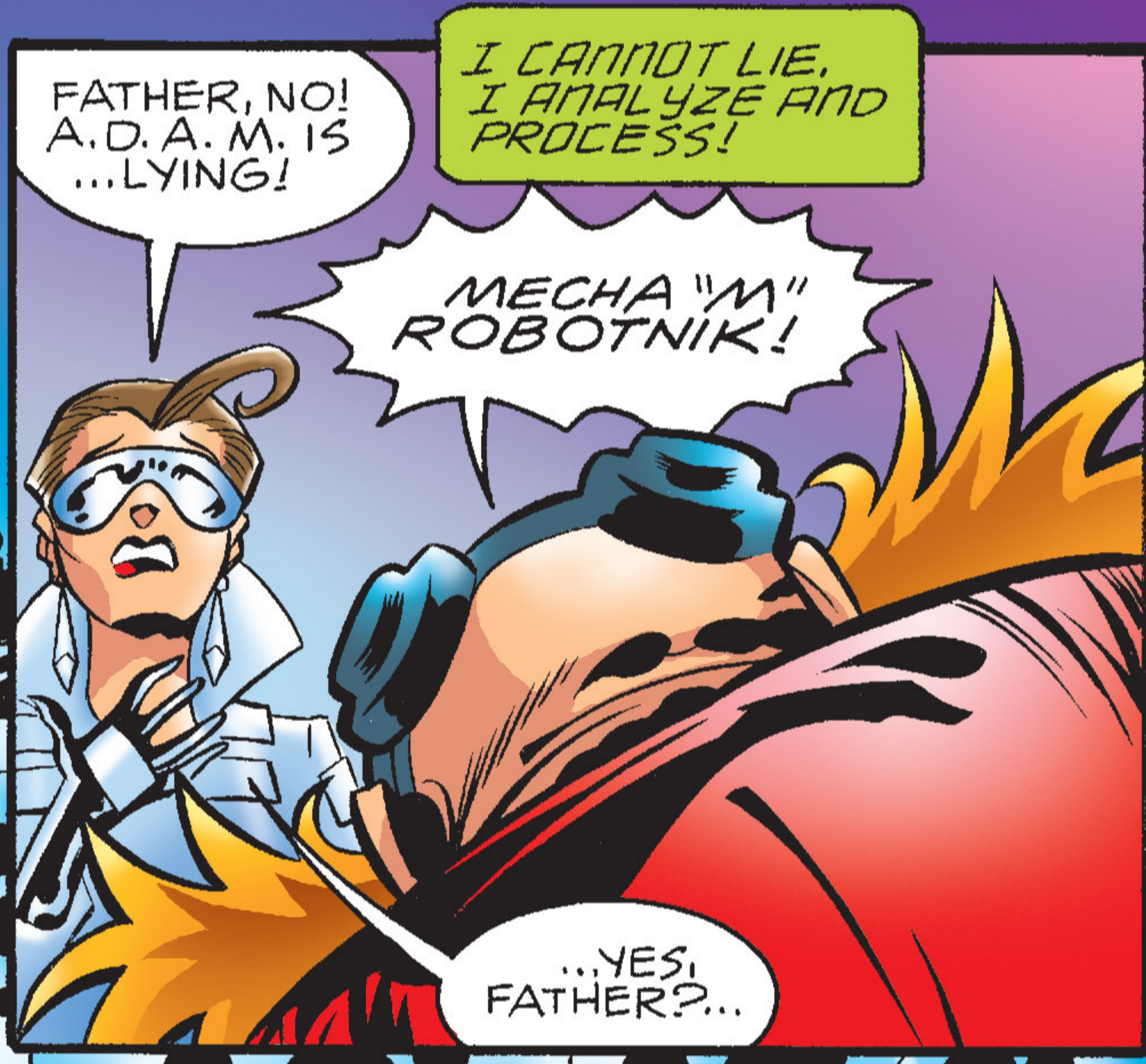
I HAVE ORGANIZED THE  
ORPHANED CHILDREN OF UMA  
ARACHNIS. THEY ARE STILL  
HONOR-BOUND TO SERVE  
IXIS NAUGUS.

GOOD. I WILL  
REMOTELY TRIGGER  
THE EGG GRAPES  
AT THE RIGHT  
TIME.

MY FATHER WILL  
BE OUT OF THE WAY  
AND WE CAN RULE,  
ANONYMOUS.

I AM SORRY, FATHER, THAT I  
COULD NOT RECORD WHO  
ANONYMOUS IS. HE USED  
SOME KIND OF FIELD DATA  
THAT CORRUPTED MY DATA.

M...

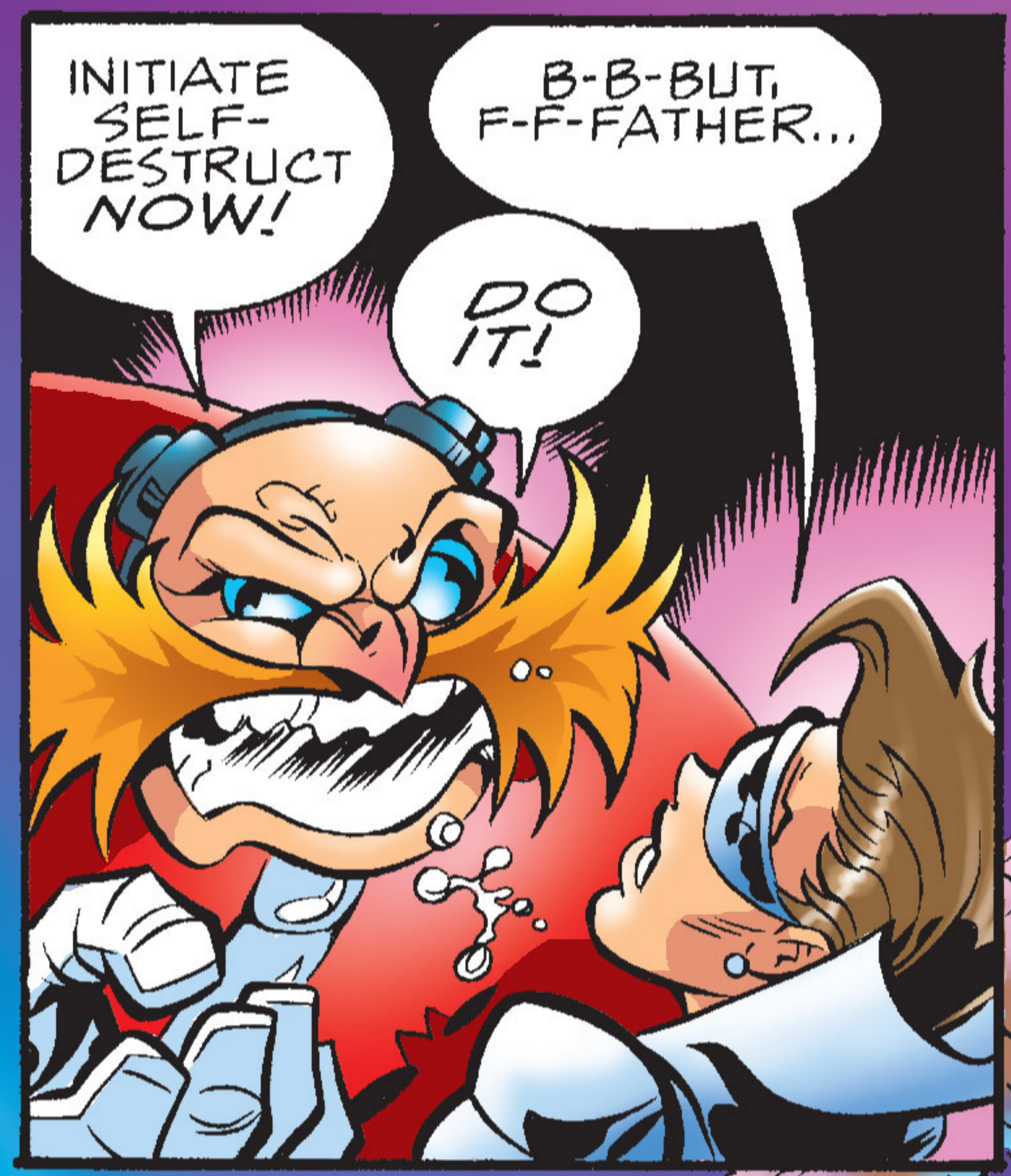


FATHER, NO!  
A.D.A.M. IS  
...LYING!

I CANNOT LIE,  
I ANALYZE AND  
PROCESS!

MECHA "M"  
ROBOTNIK!

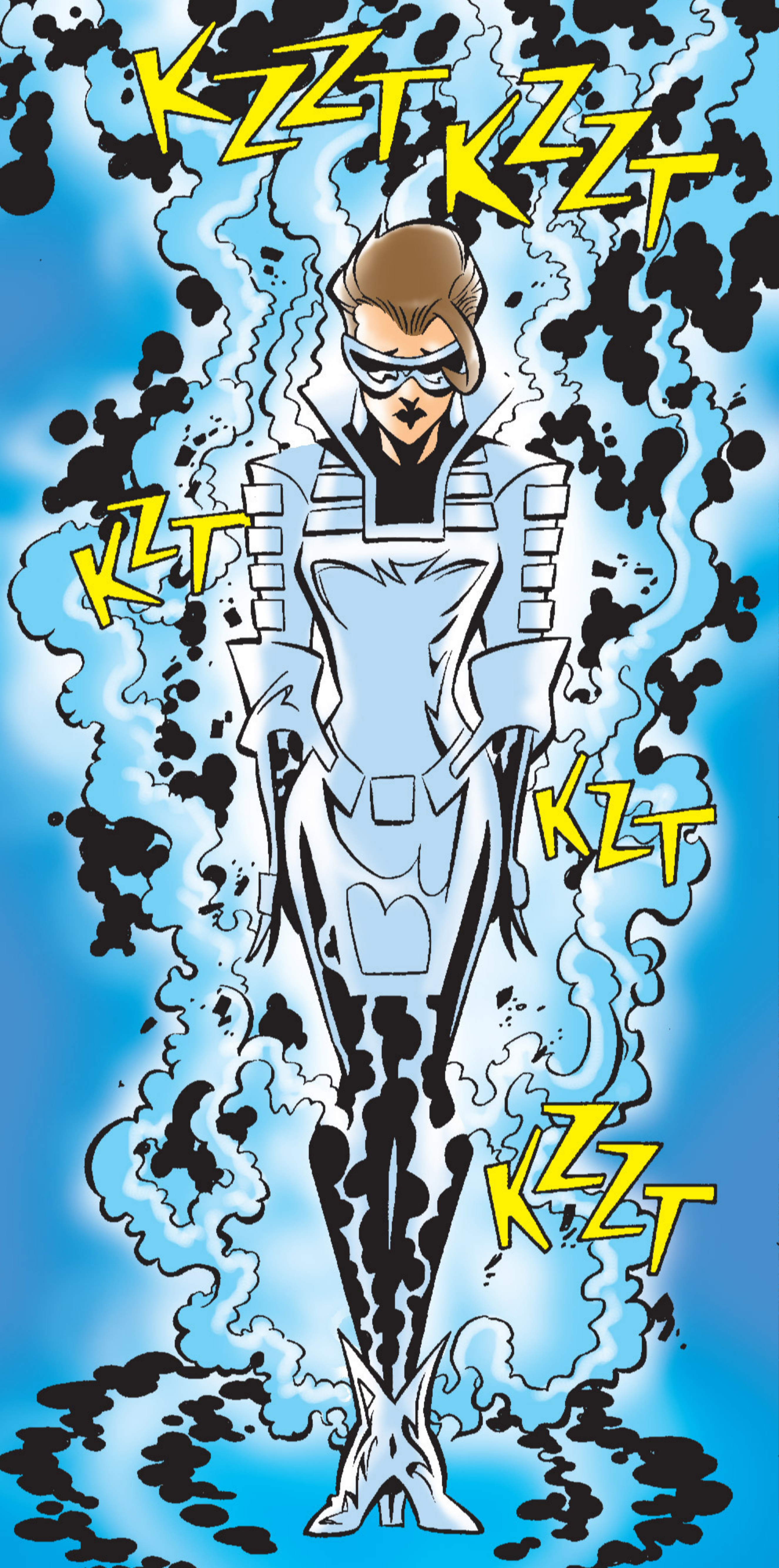
...YES,  
FATHER?...



INITIATE  
SELF-  
DESTRUCT  
NOW!

B-B-BUT,  
F-F-FATHER...

DO  
IT!

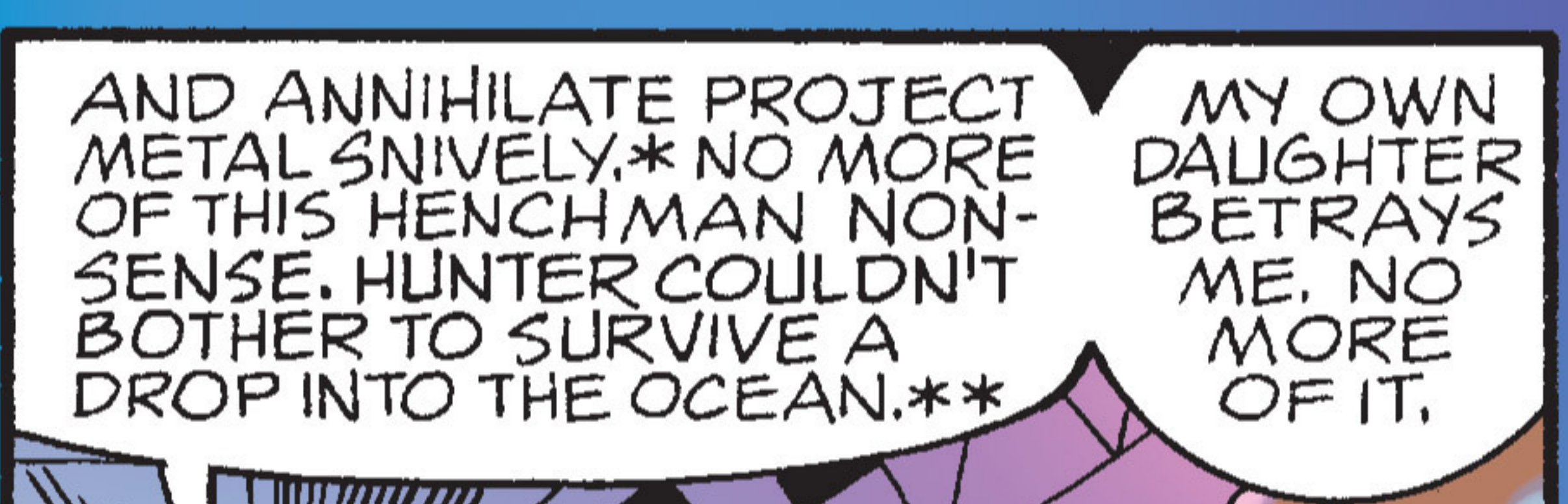


A.D.A.M.!

YES,  
FATHER?

DELETE  
ALL BACK-UPS  
OF MECHA  
ROBOTNIK'S DATA. I  
DON'T WANT HER  
COMING  
BACK.

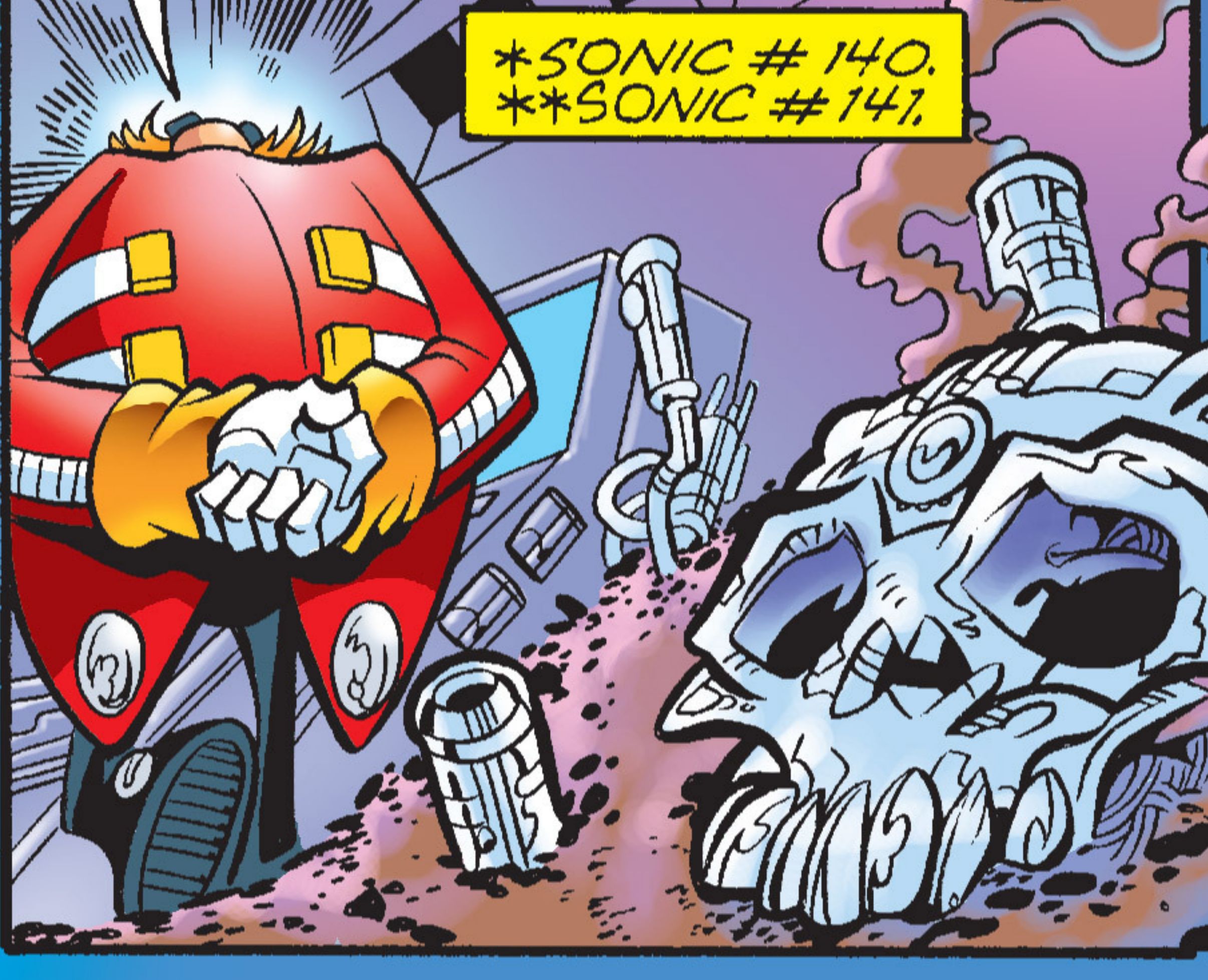
YES,  
FATHER.

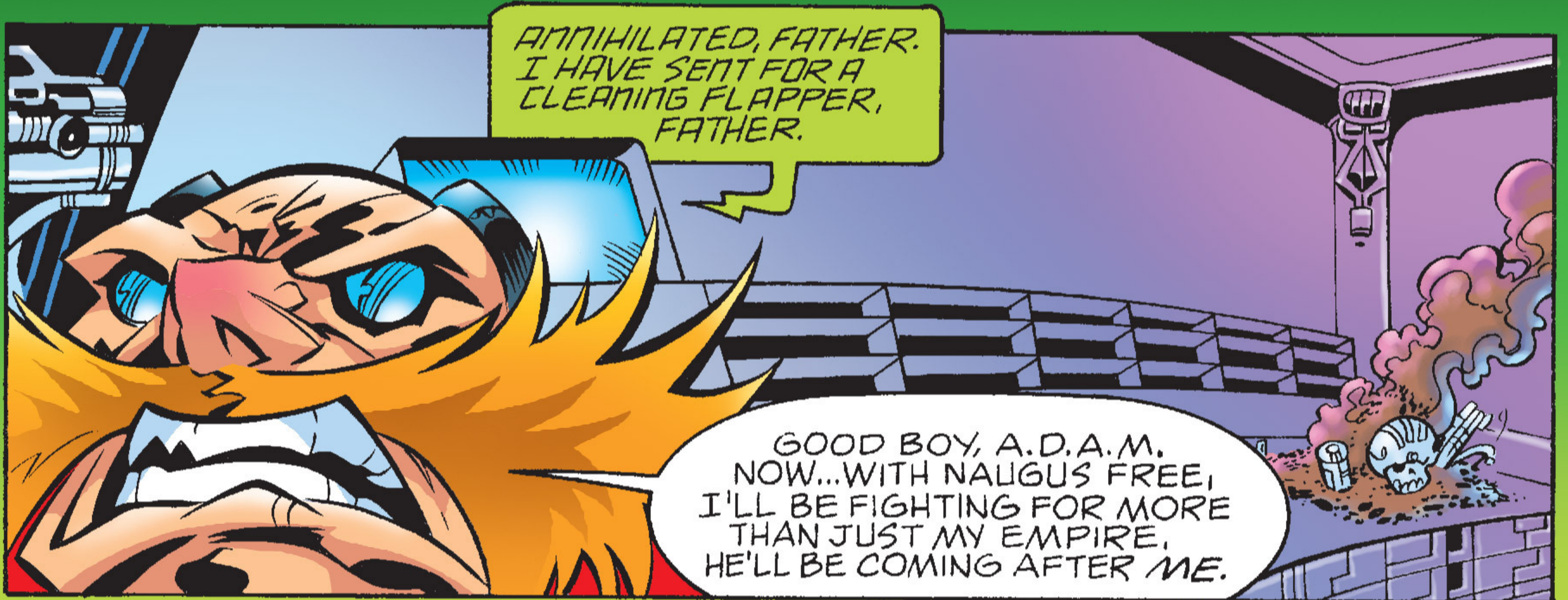


AND ANNIHILATE PROJECT  
METAL SNIVELY.\* NO MORE  
OF THIS HENCHMAN NON-  
SENSE. HUNTER COULDN'T  
BOTHER TO SURVIVE A  
DROP INTO THE OCEAN.\*\*

MY OWN  
DAUGHTER  
BETRAYS  
ME. NO  
MORE  
OF IT.

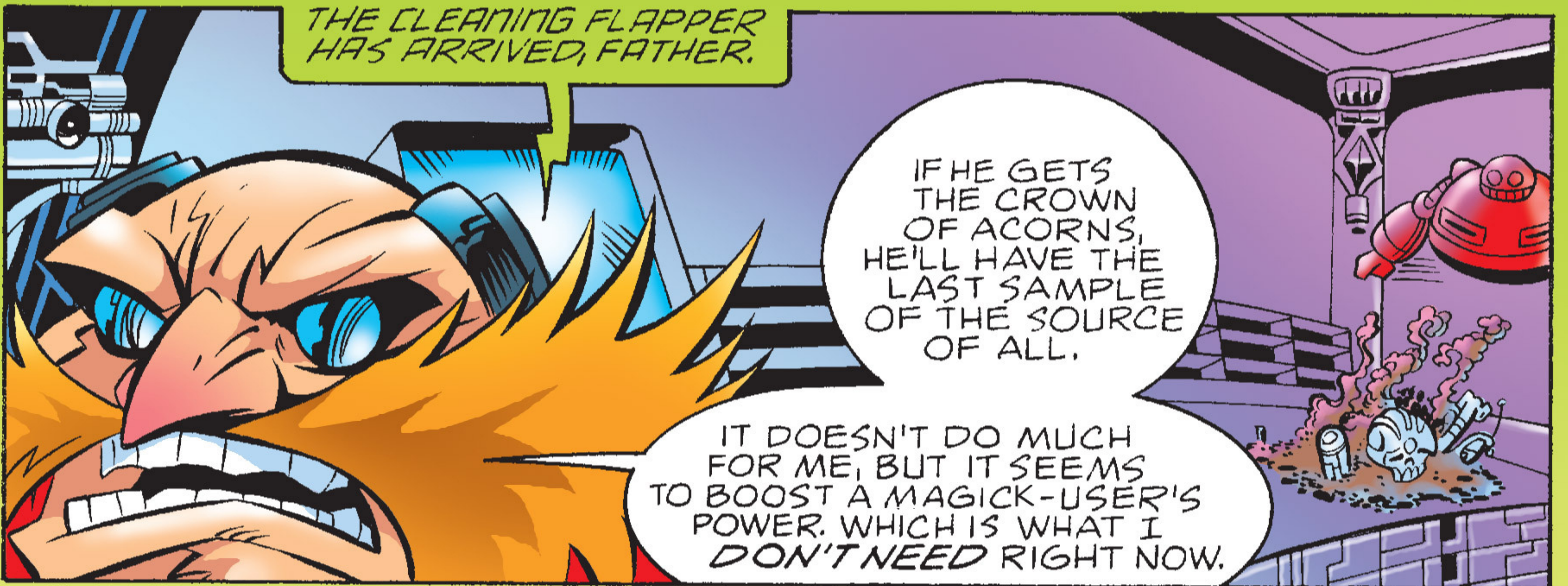
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ANNIHILATED, FATHER. I HAVE SENT FOR A CLEANING FLAPPER, FATHER.

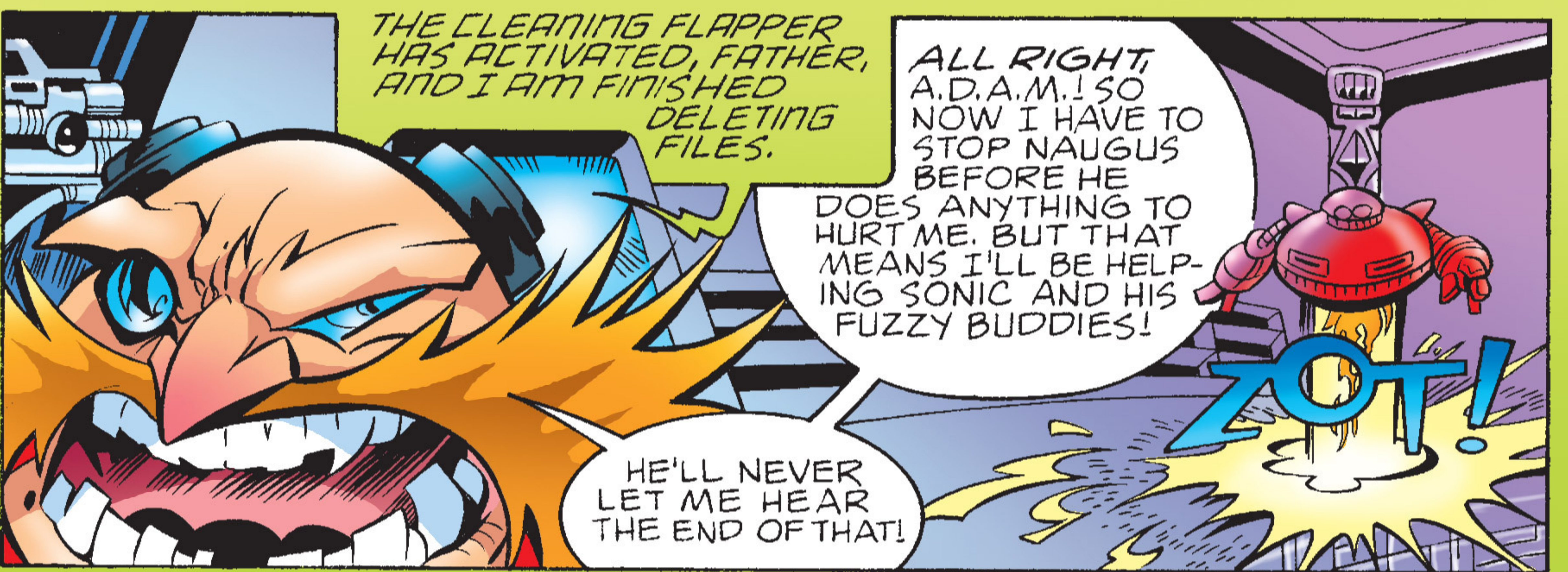
GOOD BOY, A.D.A.M. NOW...WITH NAUGUS FREE, I'LL BE FIGHTING FOR MORE THAN JUST MY EMPIRE. HE'LL BE COMING AFTER ME.



THE CLEANING FLAPPER HAS ARRIVED, FATHER.

IF HE GETS THE CROWN OF ACORNS, HE'LL HAVE THE LAST SAMPLE OF THE SOURCE OF ALL.

IT DOESN'T DO MUCH FOR ME, BUT IT SEEMS TO BOOST A MAGICK-USER'S POWER. WHICH IS WHAT I DON'T NEED RIGHT NOW.

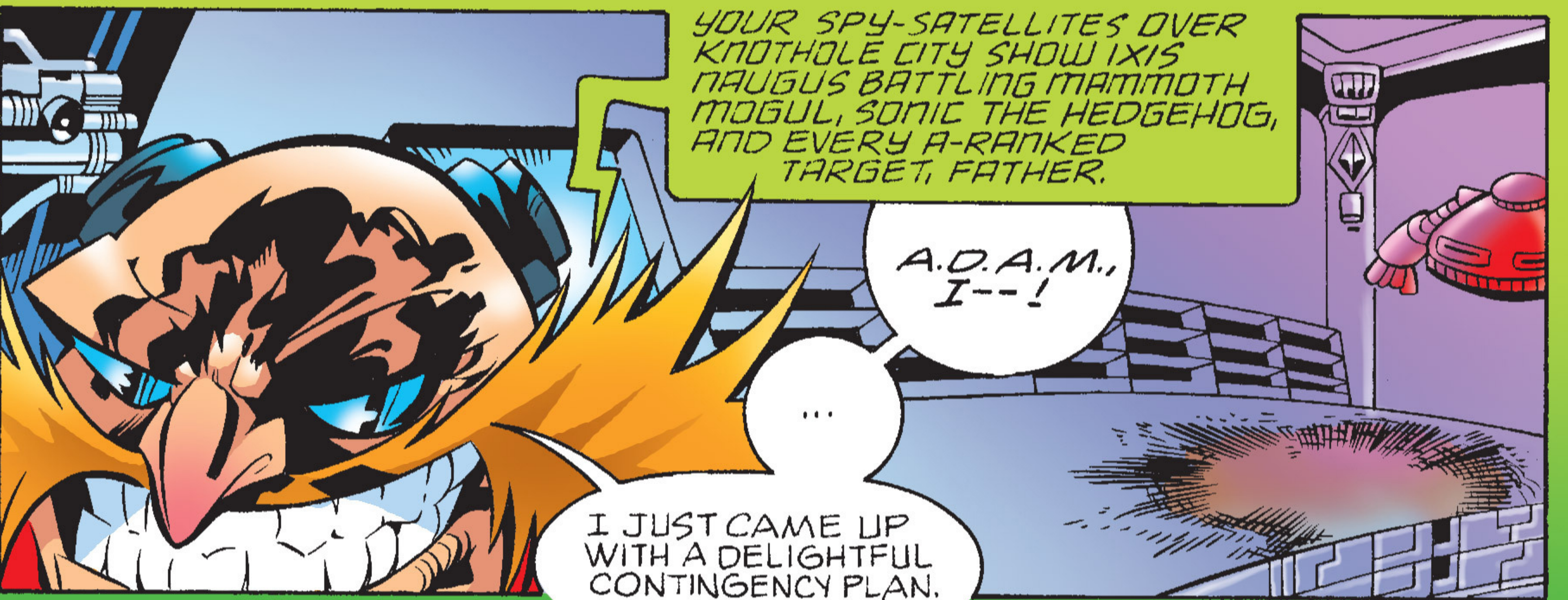


THE CLEANING FLAPPER HAS ACTIVATED, FATHER, AND I AM FINISHED DELETING FILES.

ALL RIGHT, A.D.A.M.! SO NOW I HAVE TO STOP NAUGUS BEFORE HE DOES ANYTHING TO HURT ME. BUT THAT MEANS I'LL BE HELPING SONIC AND HIS FUZZY BUDDIES!

HE'LL NEVER LET ME HEAR THE END OF THAT!

ZOT!



YOUR SPY-SATELLITES OVER KNOTHOLE CITY SHOW IXIS NAUGUS BATTLING MAMMOTH MOGUL, SONIC THE HEDGEHOG, AND EVERY A-RANKED TARGET, FATHER.

A.D.A.M., I--!

...

I JUST CAME UP WITH A DELIGHTFUL CONTINGENCY PLAN.

I'M READY IN NEW MEGAOPOLIS...

NOW I CAN FULLY ENJOY THE BATTLES IN KNOTHOLE CITY!

ARGH!  
HOW DO YOU MANAGE TO TRUMP EACH ELEMENTAL SPELL I CAST?!

I WILL CONCEDE YOUR PROFICIENCY IN THE ARCAINE ARTS IS EXCELLENT--

--HOWEVER, YOU STILL PALE IN COMPARISON WITH MY OWN MASTERY OF THE IXIAN MAGICKS.

N-NO! I PERFECTED THE CRYSTALLINE MAGICKS!

A TRULY ADVANCED TECHNIQUE FOR AN IXIS MAGICIAN, BUT YOU HAVE RELIED TOO HEAVILY ON YOUR ZONE OF SILENCE.

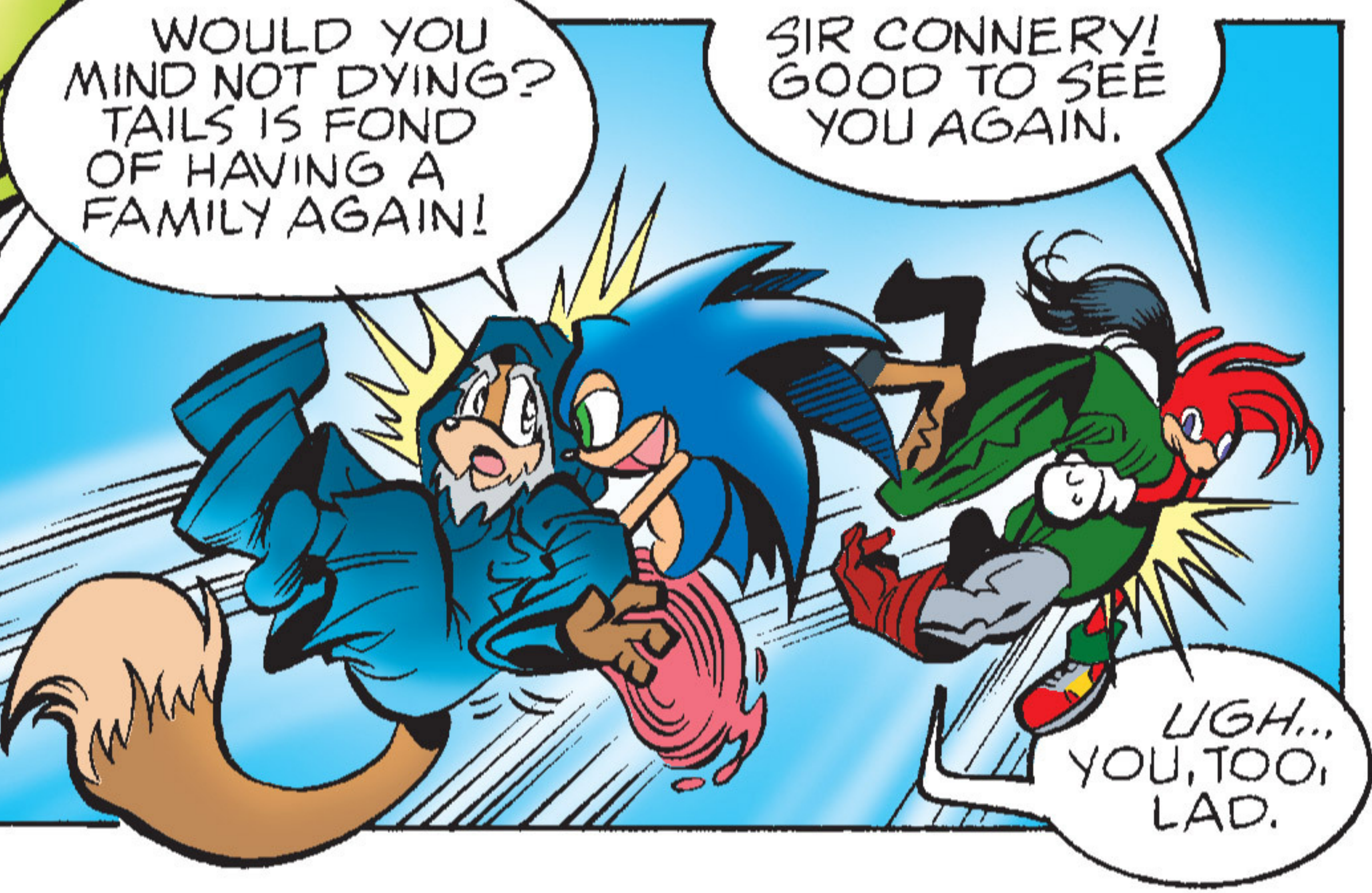
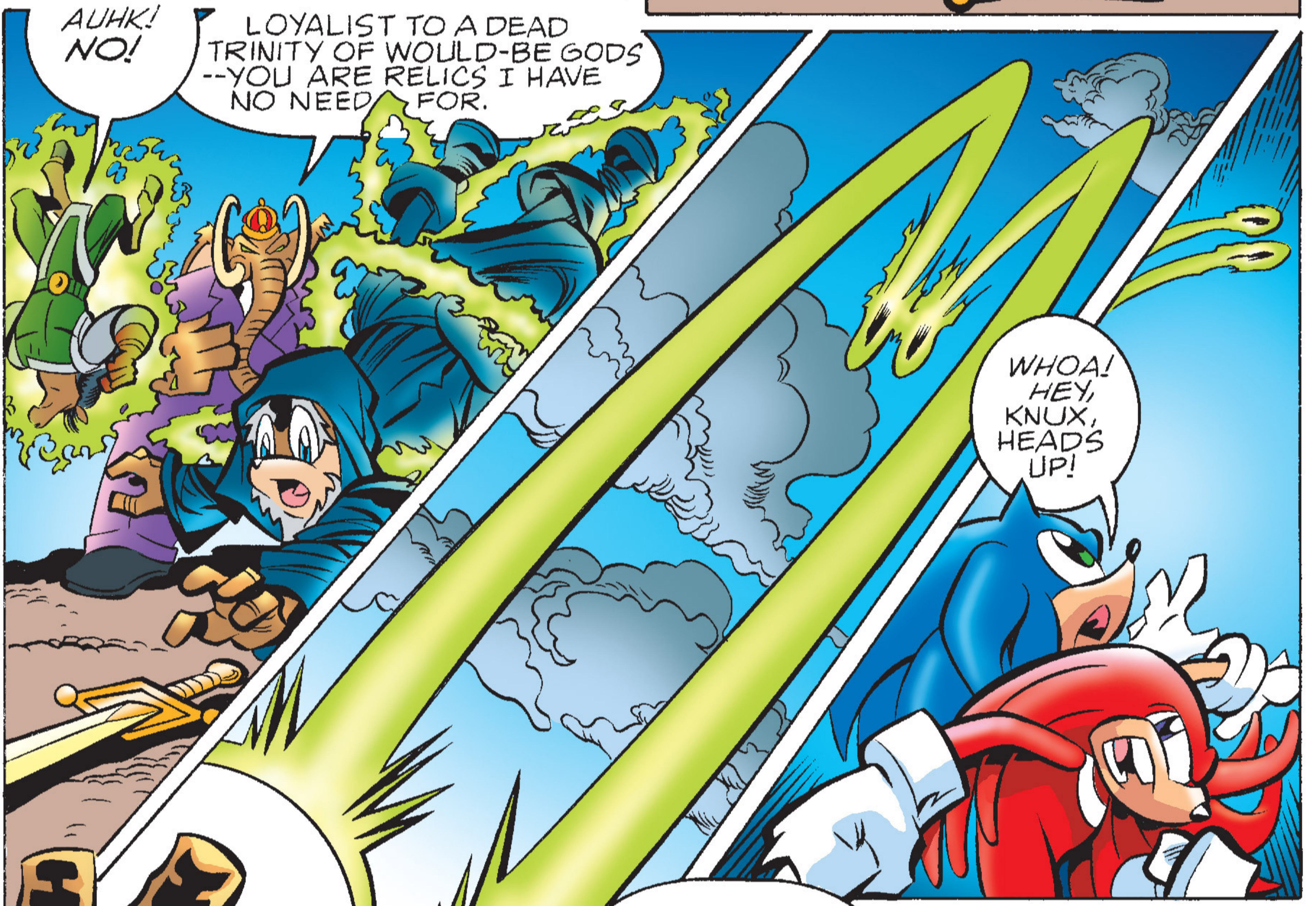
THEN PERHAPS I CAN *PERSUADE* YOU OTHERWISE? SOMEONE OF YOUR POWER WOULD MAKE A FINE PAWN WHEN PROPERLY POSSESSED!

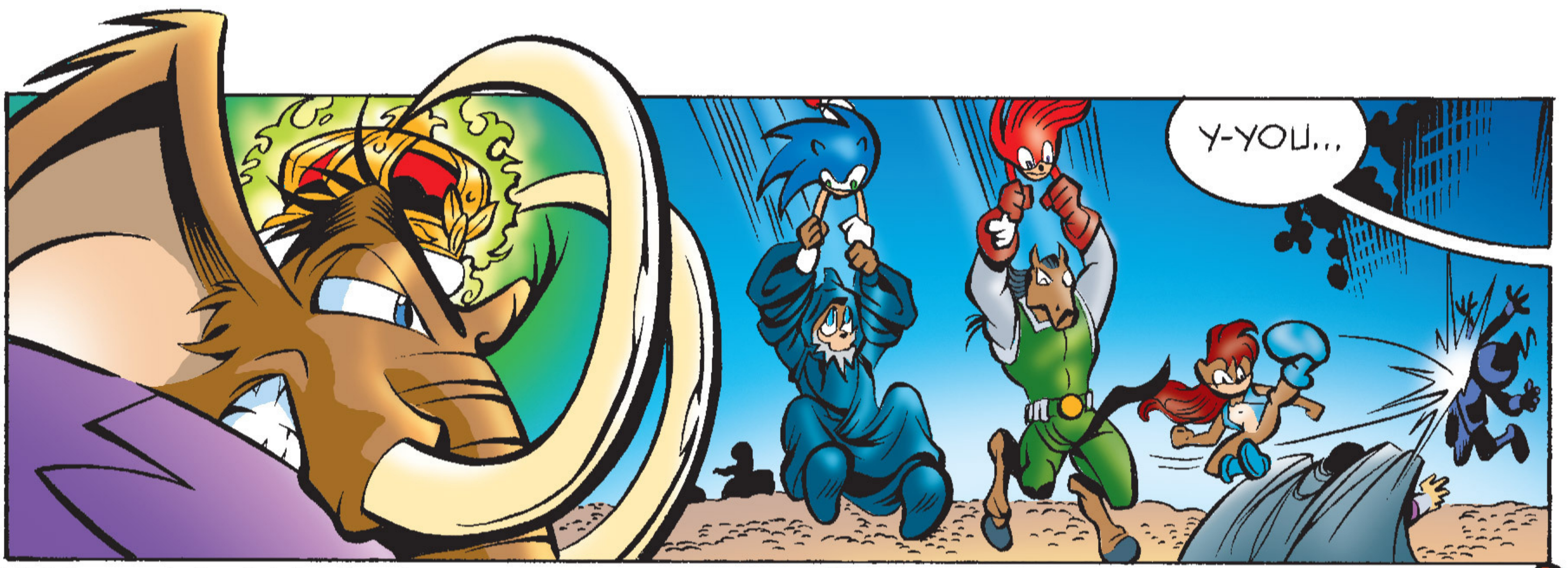
NAUGUS...

...DO NOT PRETEND TO BE OF MY *MENTAL* CALIBER.

MOGUL IS JUST TOYING WITH HIM. I THINK I KNOW WHERE THIS IS GOING. WE MUST GET ONE OF THE ARTIFACTS WHILE WE CAN.

AYE. GO FOR THE SWORD OF ACORNS. I SHALL PROTECT YOU.





Y-YOU...

YOU WITH A MASTERY OF THE IXIS MAGICKS... YOU WHO CALLED IT YOUR ORDER... CAN IT BE? ARE YOU TRULY...?

YES, BUT THAT WAS LONG, LONG AGO.

"I ONCE RULED MOBIUS, BUT WITH AN IGNORANT CONTROL OF MY POWER, AN IGNORANCE THAT LED TO MY DOWNFALL.\*"

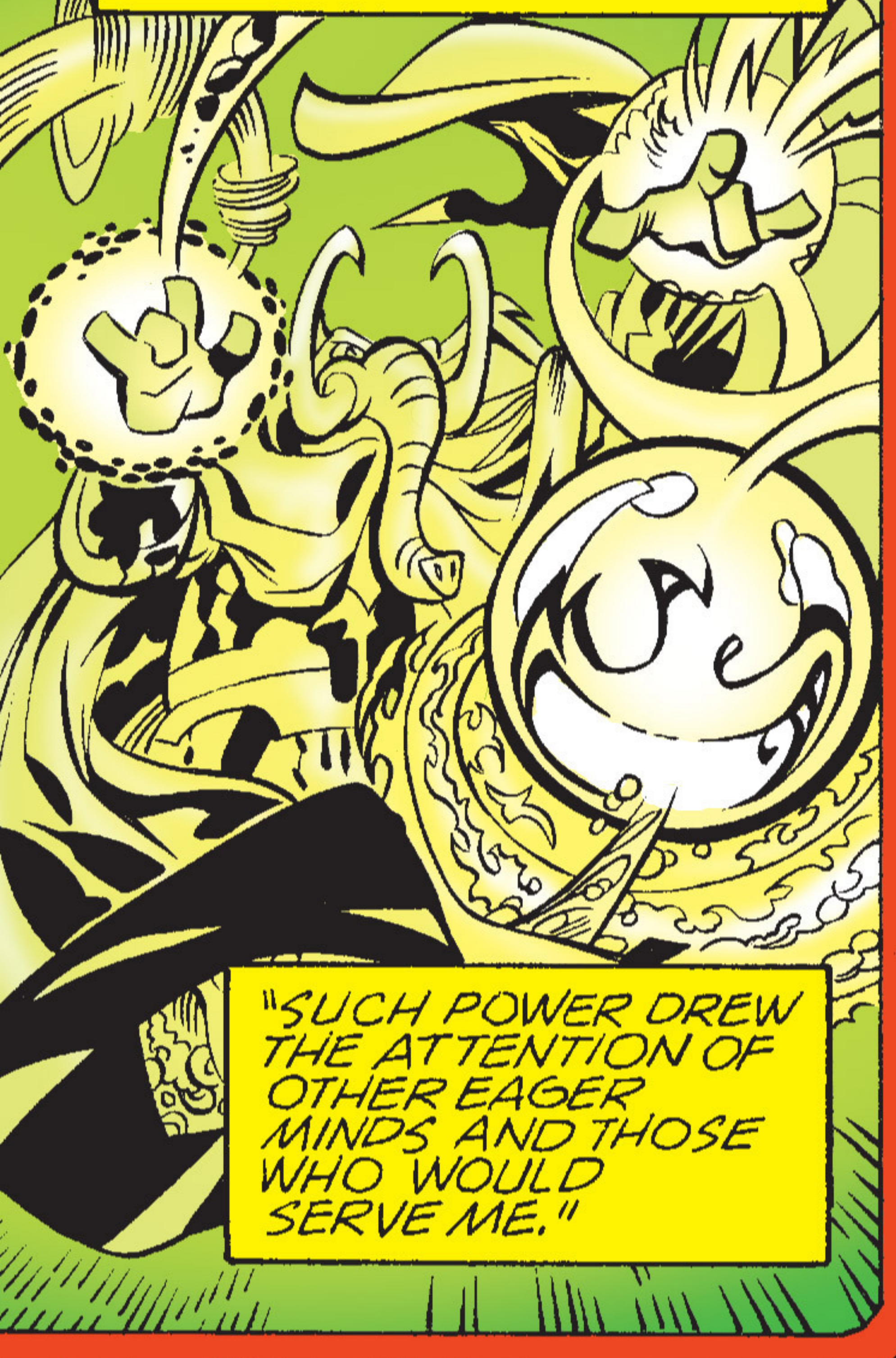
\*MECHA MADNESS SPECIAL.



"I LEARNED THE BASIC PRINCIPLES OF MY POWER, --THE VERY ESSENCE OF NATURE--AND GREW WISE AND POWERFUL."

"BUT MY ORDER OF IXIS WAS NOT MEANT TO BE."

"OUR BID FOR WORLD DOMINATION WAS CRUSHED DURING THE FORGOTTEN WAR WITH THE ALBION KNIGHTS OF AURORA."



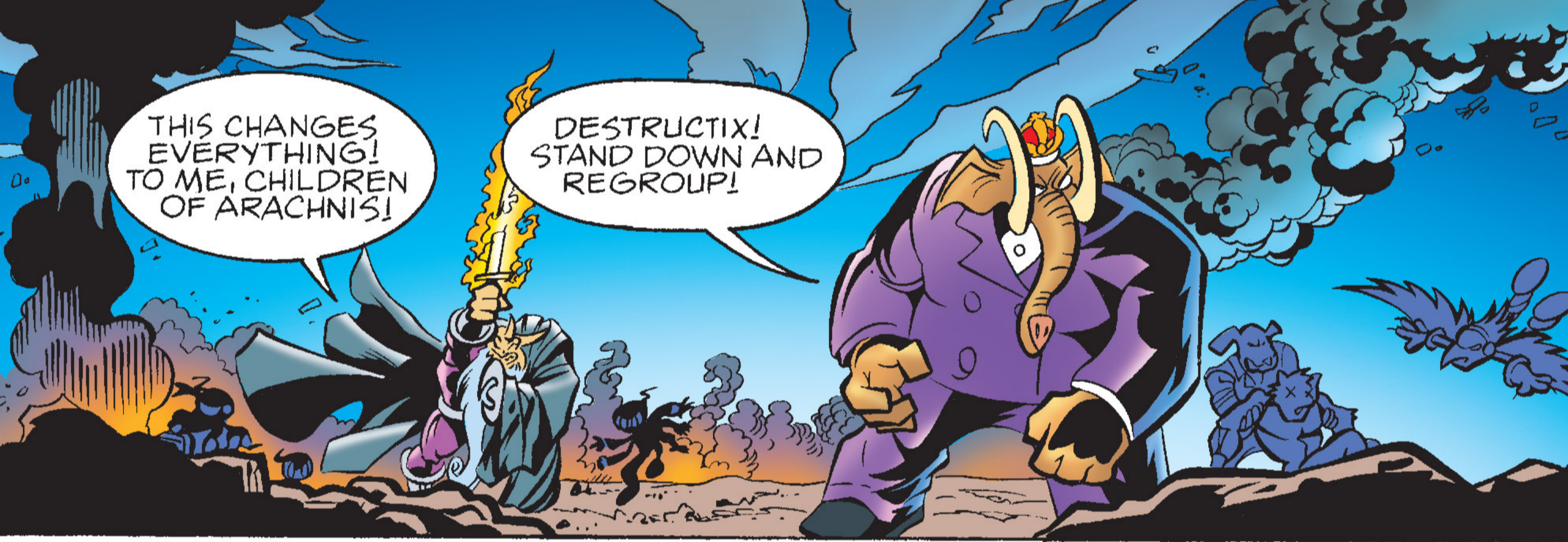
"SUCH POWER DREW THE ATTENTION OF OTHER EAGER MINDS AND THOSE WHO WOULD SERVE ME."

"I THOUGHT ALL OF MY FOLLOWERS HAD BEEN ERADICATED IN THAT CONFRONTATION. I SEE THAT AT LEAST ONE HAS REMAINED."

THEN IT'S TRUE! YOUR POWER, YOUR KNOWLEDGE, IT MUST MEAN...!

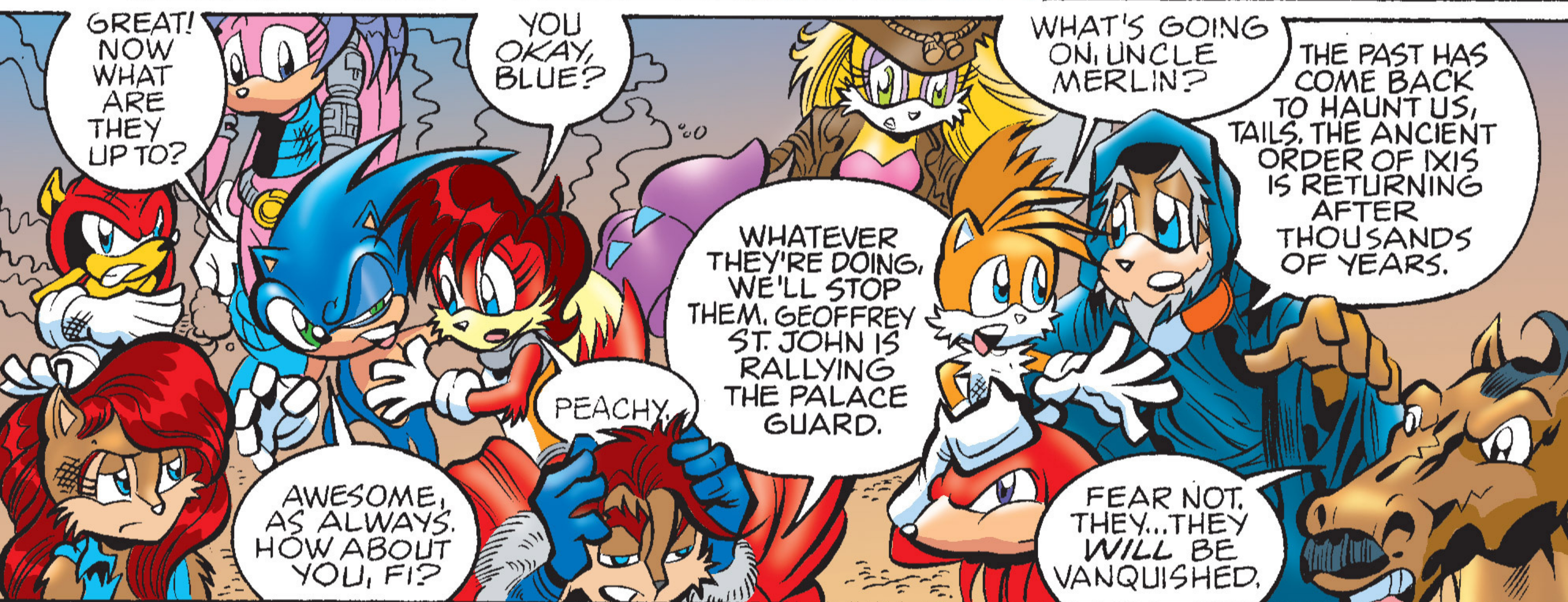
YES, NAUGUS, I WAS ONCE KNOWN AS IXIS MOGUL.





THIS CHANGES EVERYTHING! TO ME, CHILDREN OF ARACHNIS!

DESTRUCTIX! STAND DOWN AND REGROUP!



GREAT! NOW WHAT ARE THEY UP TO?

YOU OKAY, BLUE?

WHAT'S GOING ON, UNCLE MERLIN?

THE PAST HAS COME BACK TO HAUNT US, TAILS. THE ANCIENT ORDER OF IXIS IS RETURNING AFTER THOUSANDS OF YEARS.

WHATEVER THEY'RE DOING, WE'LL STOP THEM. GEOFFREY ST. JOHN IS RALLYING THE PALACE GUARD.

PEACHY.

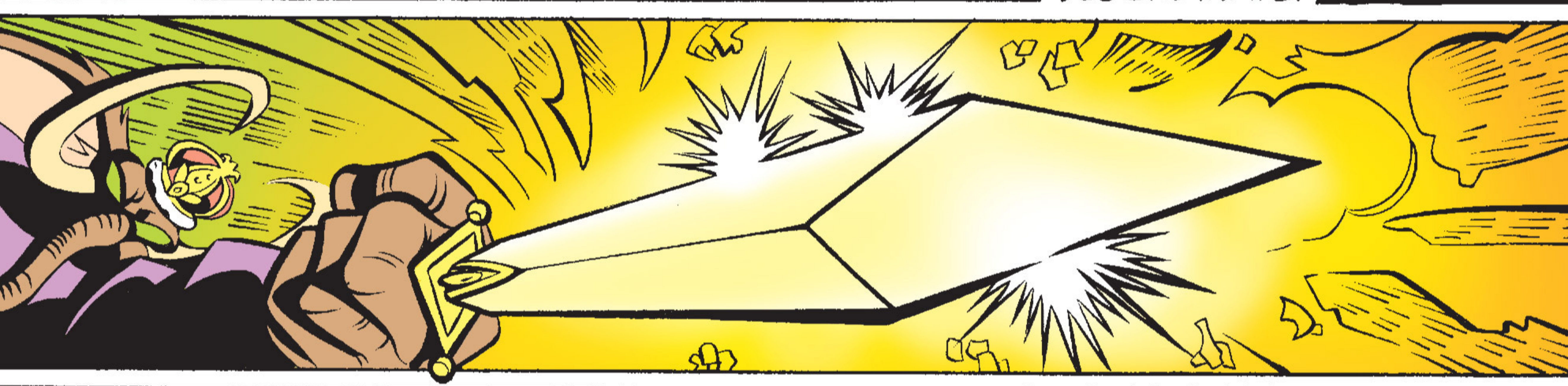
AWESOME, AS ALWAYS. HOW ABOUT YOU, FI?

FEAR NOT, THEY...THEY WILL BE VANQUISHED.



IXIS MOGUL, MASTER OF THE DARK ORDER. I SUBMIT MYSELF TO YOUR WISDOM, SO THAT I MAY GROW AS POWERFUL AS YOU.

A NOBLE, IF FUTILE, AMBITION, MY NEW SUBORDINATE.



ELIAS, I HATE TO SAY THIS, MAN, BUT I THINK YOUR STUFF JUST GOT A LOT HARDER TO GET BACK.



NOW THEN,  
GENTLEMEN...  
WHO'S UP  
FOR SOME  
REVENGE?

PHASE TWO--  
COMPLETE!

To Be CONCLUDED...

# SONIC RIDERS

PART 1 OF 2

HA!

C'MON YA STUPID BOTS!

CAN'T YOU GO ANY FASTER THAN THAT?

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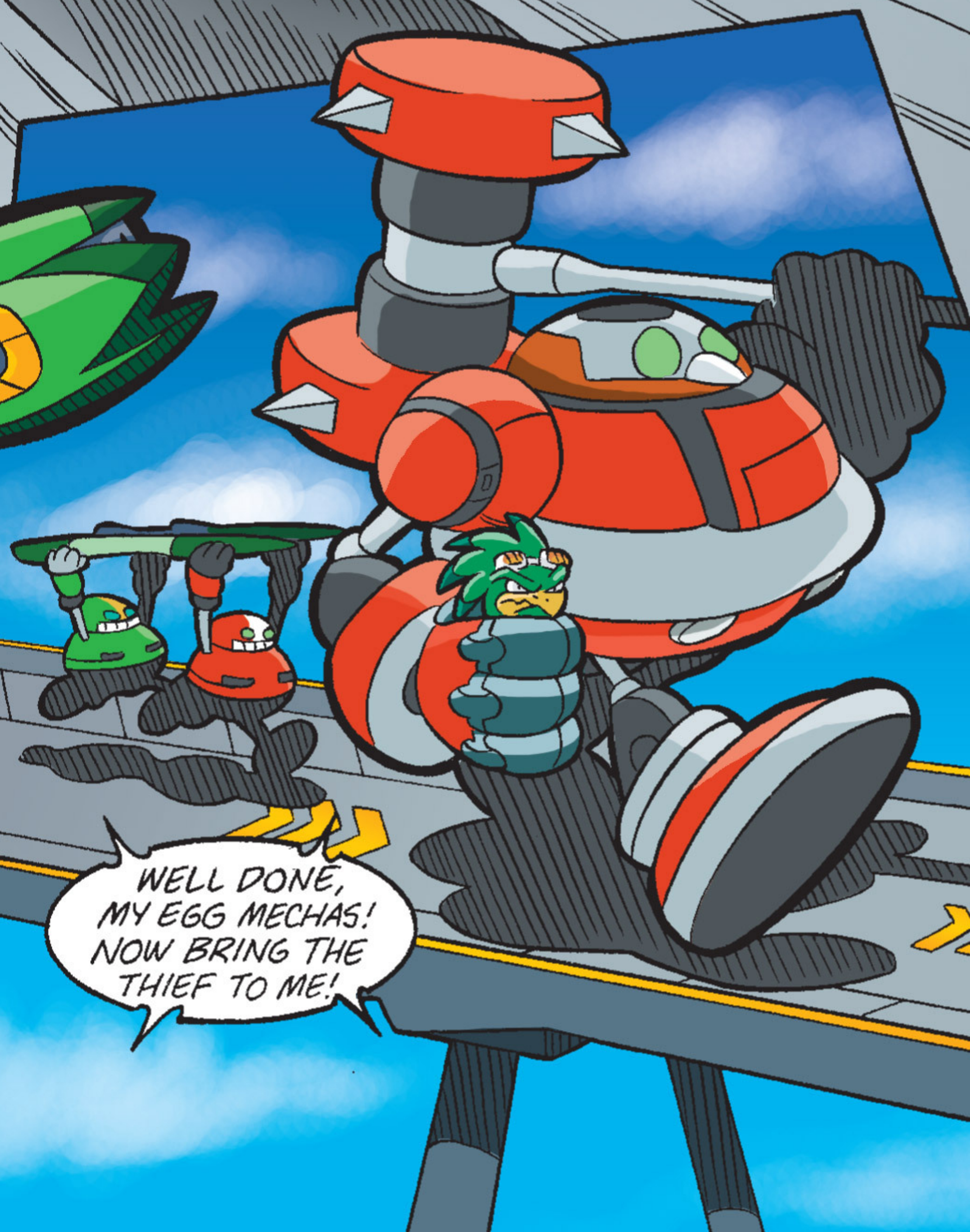
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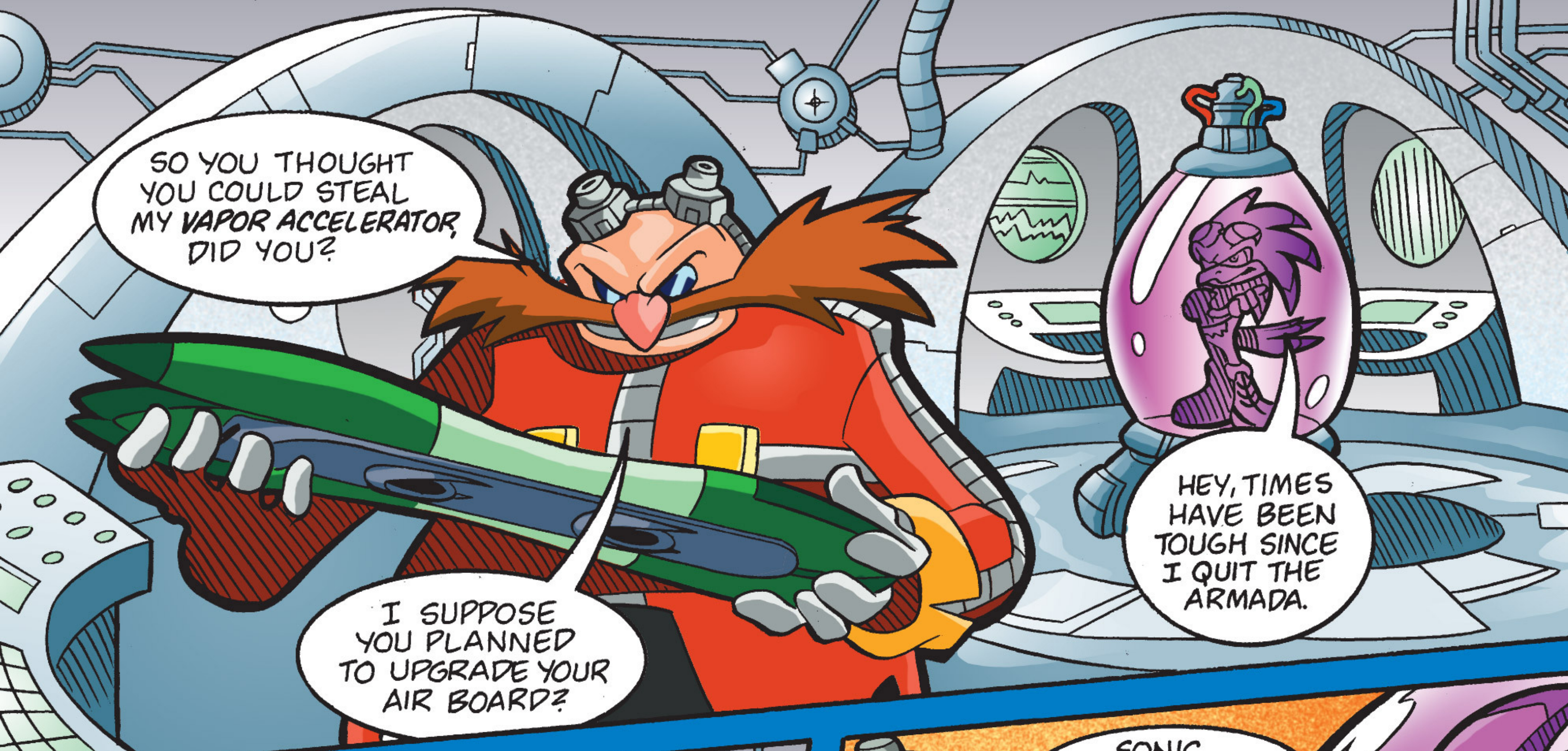
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SO YOU THOUGHT YOU COULD STEAL MY VAPOR ACCELERATOR, DID YOU?

I SUPPOSE YOU PLANNED TO UPGRADE YOUR AIR BOARD?

HEY, TIMES HAVE BEEN TOUGH SINCE I QUIT THE ARMADA.



THIS IS A REMARKABLE DEVICE! YOU WERE GOING AS FAST AS SONIC ON THIS!

IF ONLY HE'D RUN INTO AN EGG HAMMER...

WHO'S THIS SONIC GUY?



SONIC THE HEDGEHOG? FASTEST THING ALIVE? HERO OF MOBIUS?

NEVER HEARD OF THE FRAUD.

I'M THE FASTEST GUY AROUND, AND I'LL MAKE SURE THIS SONIC GUY REMEMBERS IT.

I LIKE THAT ATTITUDE.

TELL YOU WHAT-- YOU WORK FOR ME AND ROUGH UP SONIC, AND I WON'T KILL YOU, DEAL?



SOUNDS LIKE A PLAN.

CAN I BRING SOME FRIENDS?



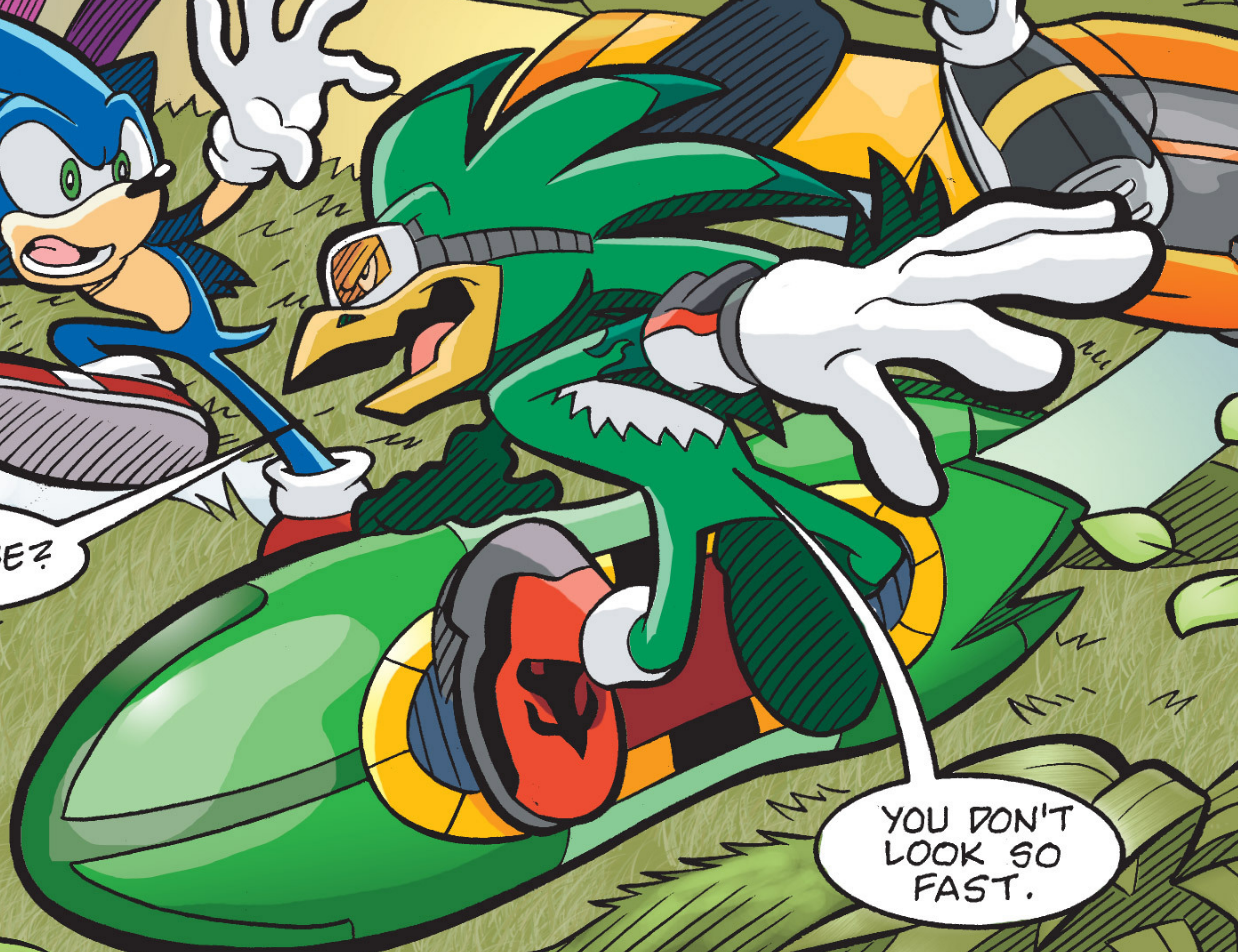
ALRIGHT!

NICOLE SAID  
THE SENSORS PICKED  
UP THE INTRUDER  
A FEW MILES FROM  
FREEDOM HQ.

THAT MEANS  
HE OUGHT TO BE  
SOMEWHERE  
AROUND--



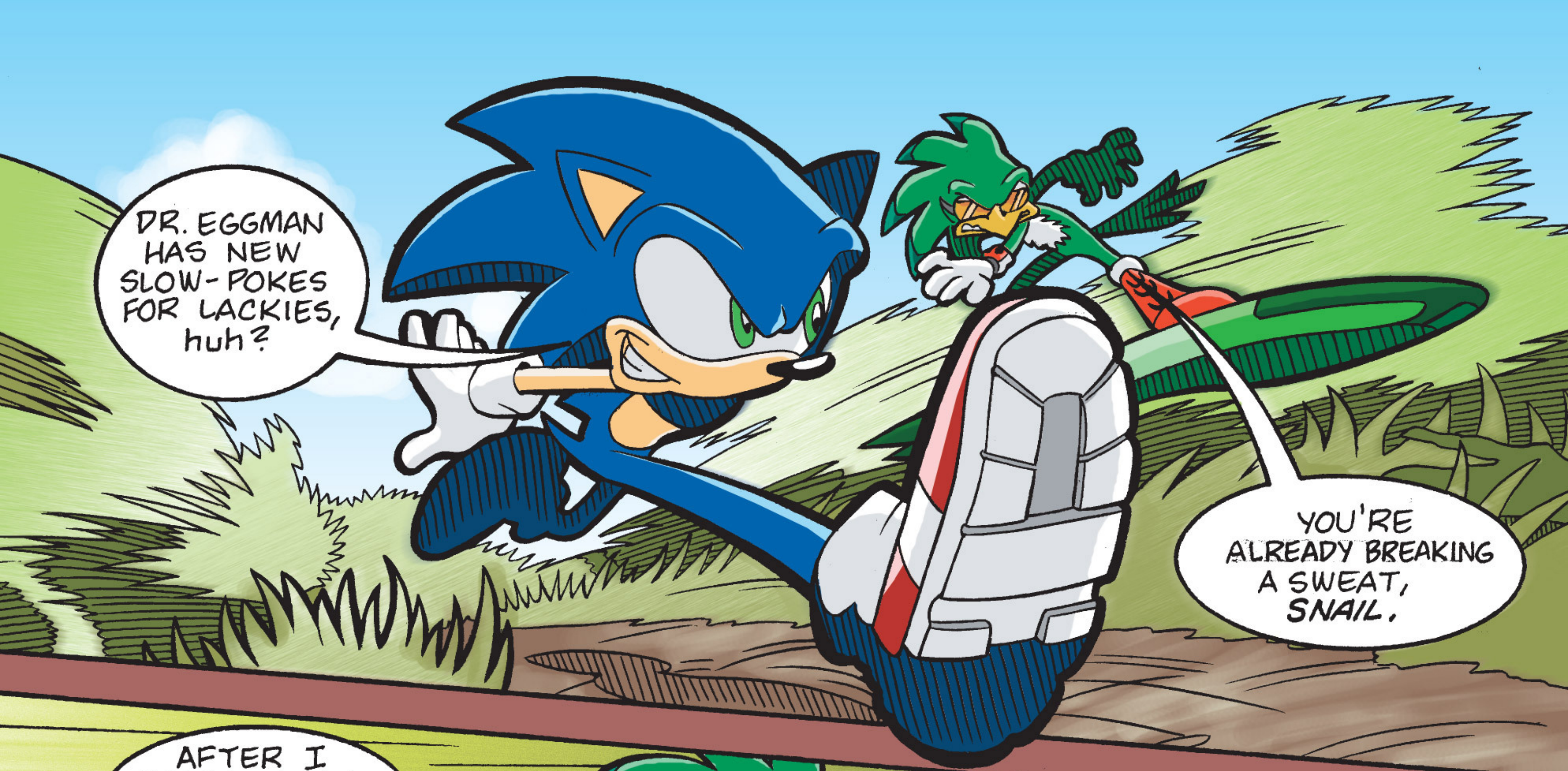
HERE, MAYBE?



YOU DON'T  
LOOK SO  
FAST.

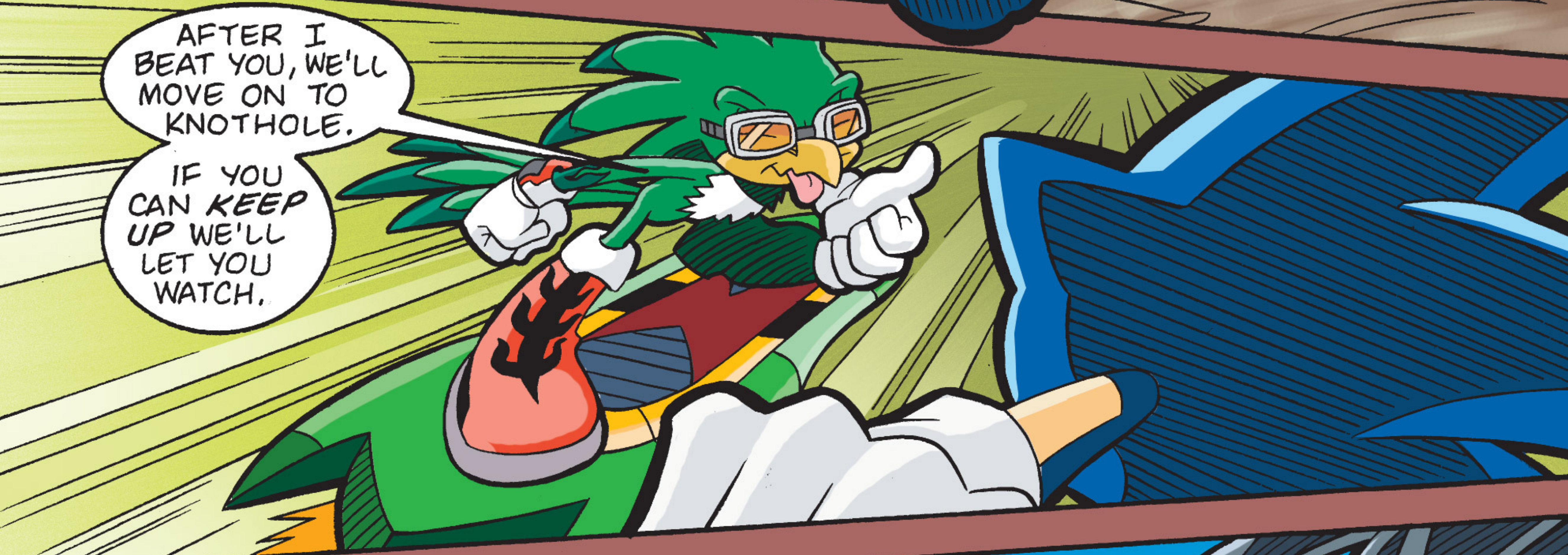


WANNA  
BET?



DR. EGGMAN HAS NEW SLOW-POKES FOR LACKIES, huh?

YOU'RE ALREADY BREAKING A SWEAT, SNAIL.

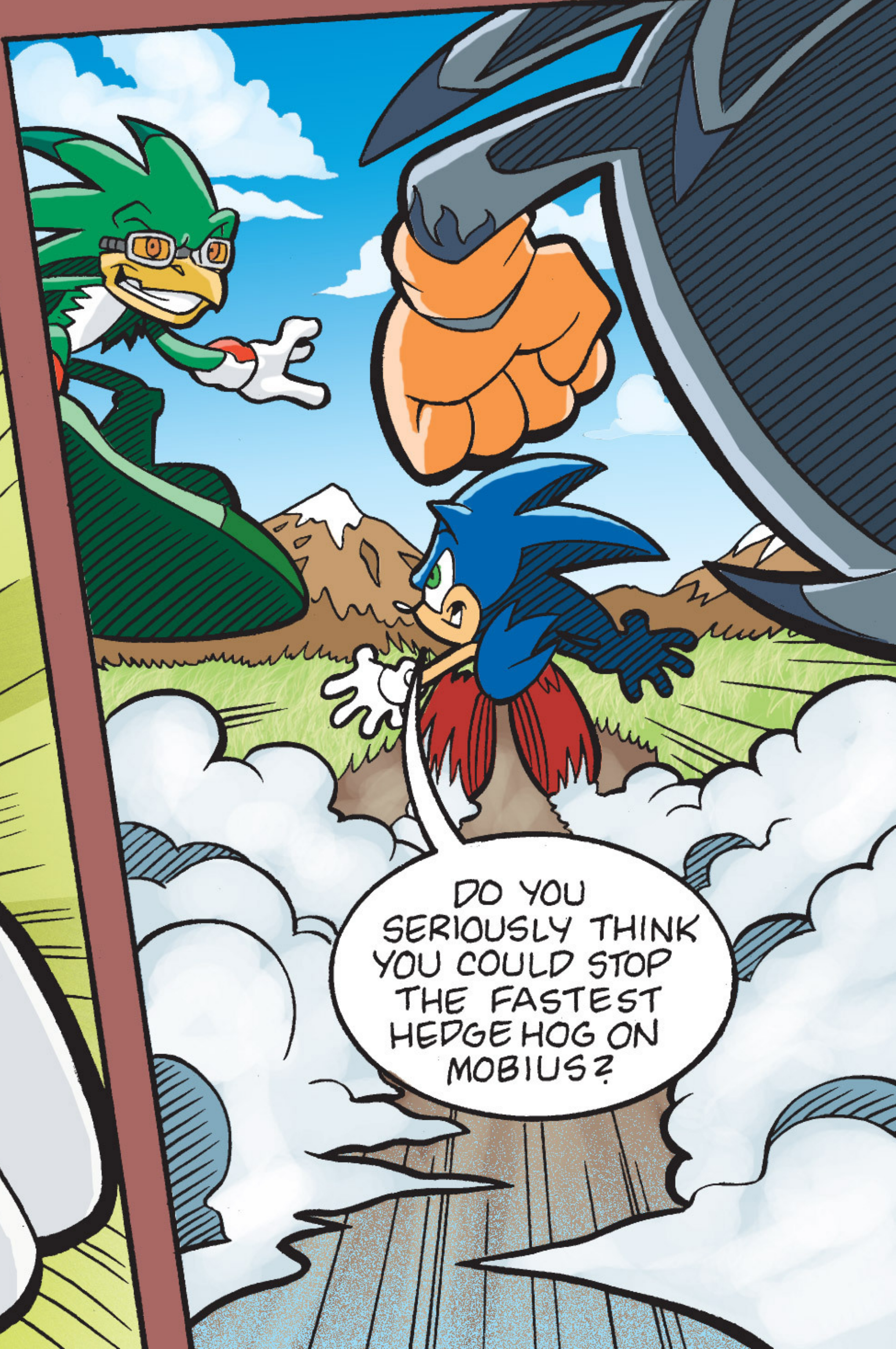


AFTER I BEAT YOU, WE'LL MOVE ON TO KNOTHOLE.

IF YOU CAN KEEP UP WE'LL LET YOU WATCH.

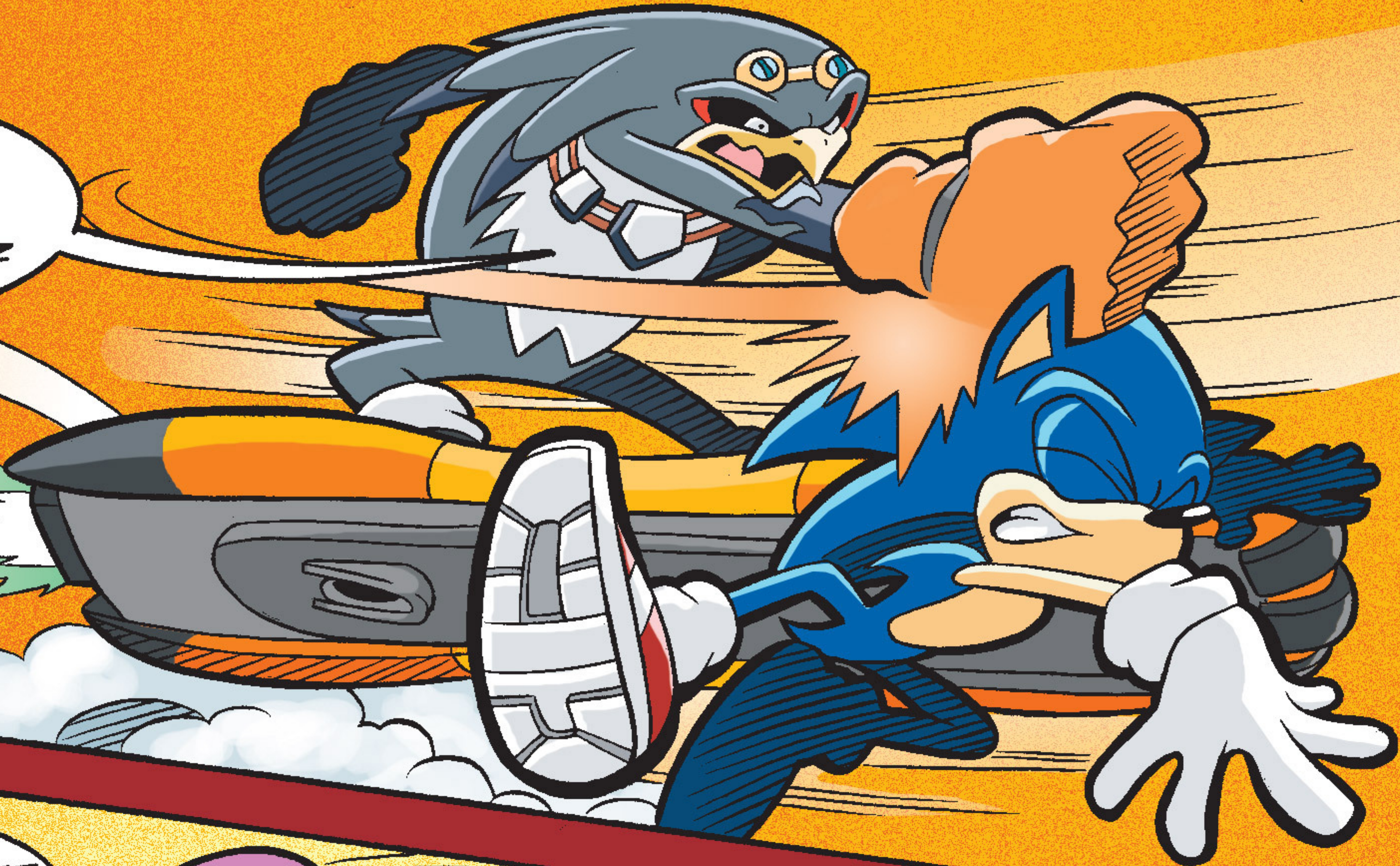


YOU'RE ALL TALK AND NO SPEED, BIRD-BOY.

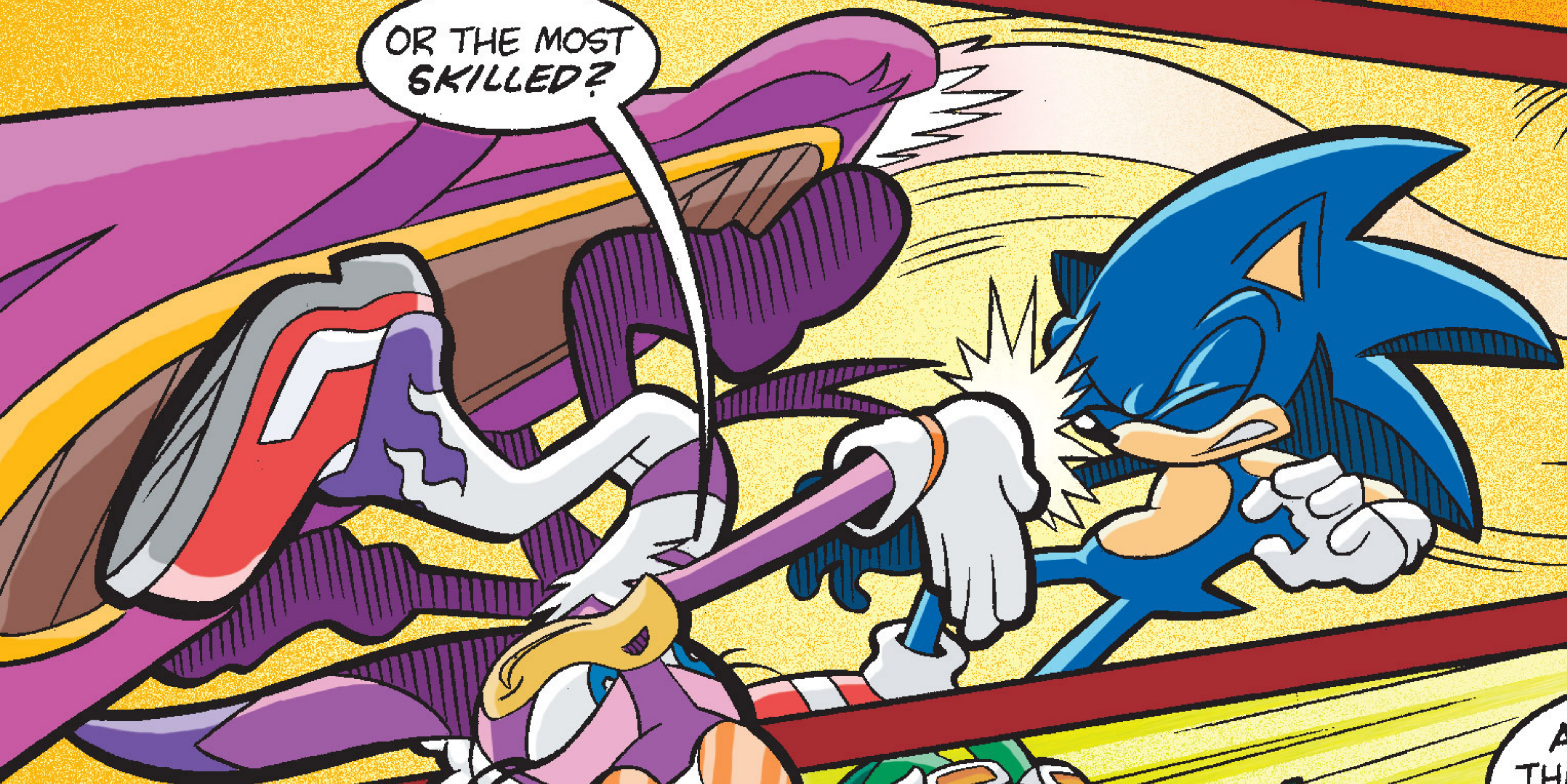


DO YOU SERIOUSLY THINK YOU COULD STOP THE FASTEST HEDGE HOG ON MOBIUS?

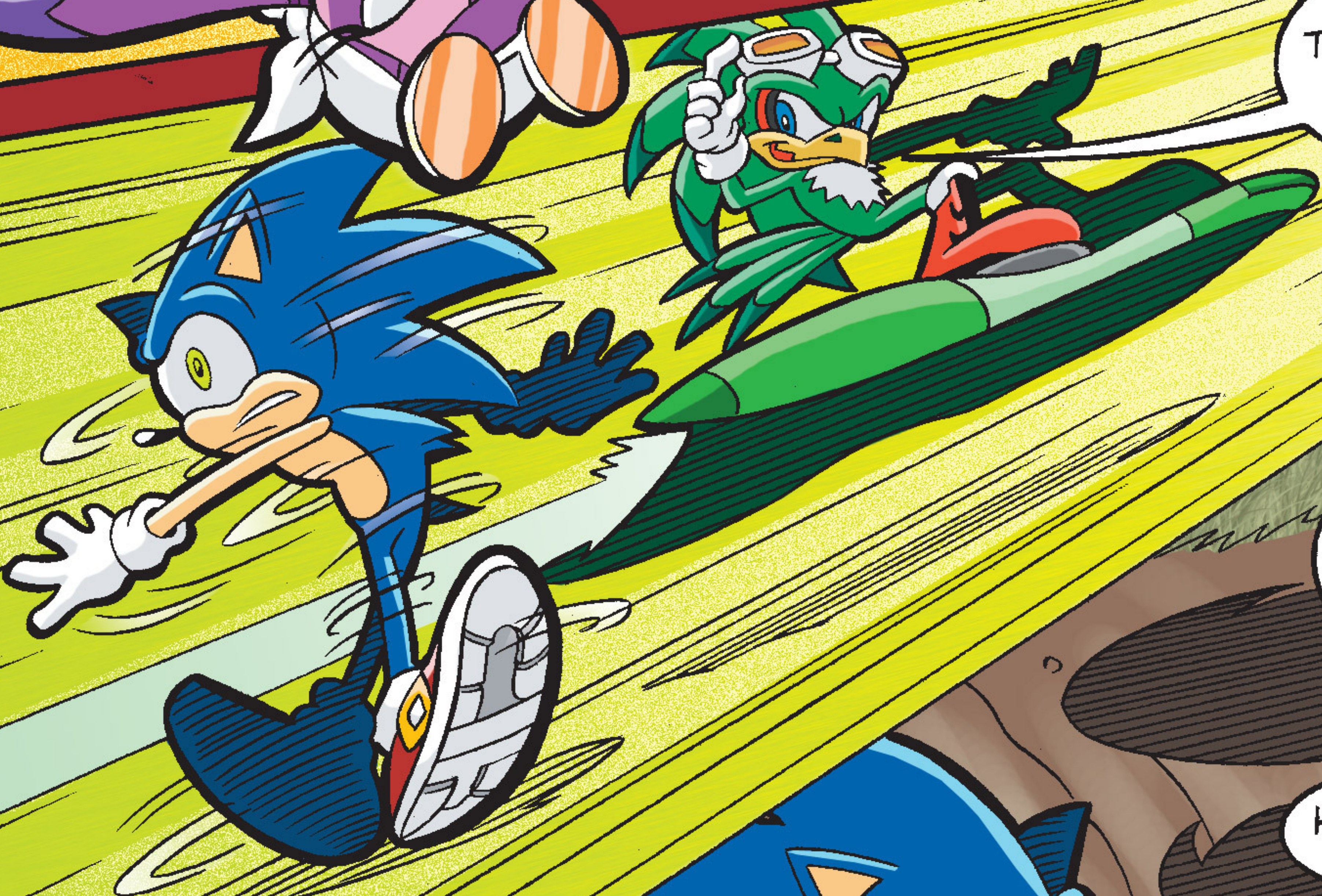
YOU MAY BE FAST, BUT ARE YOU THE STRONGEST?



OR THE MOST SKILLED?

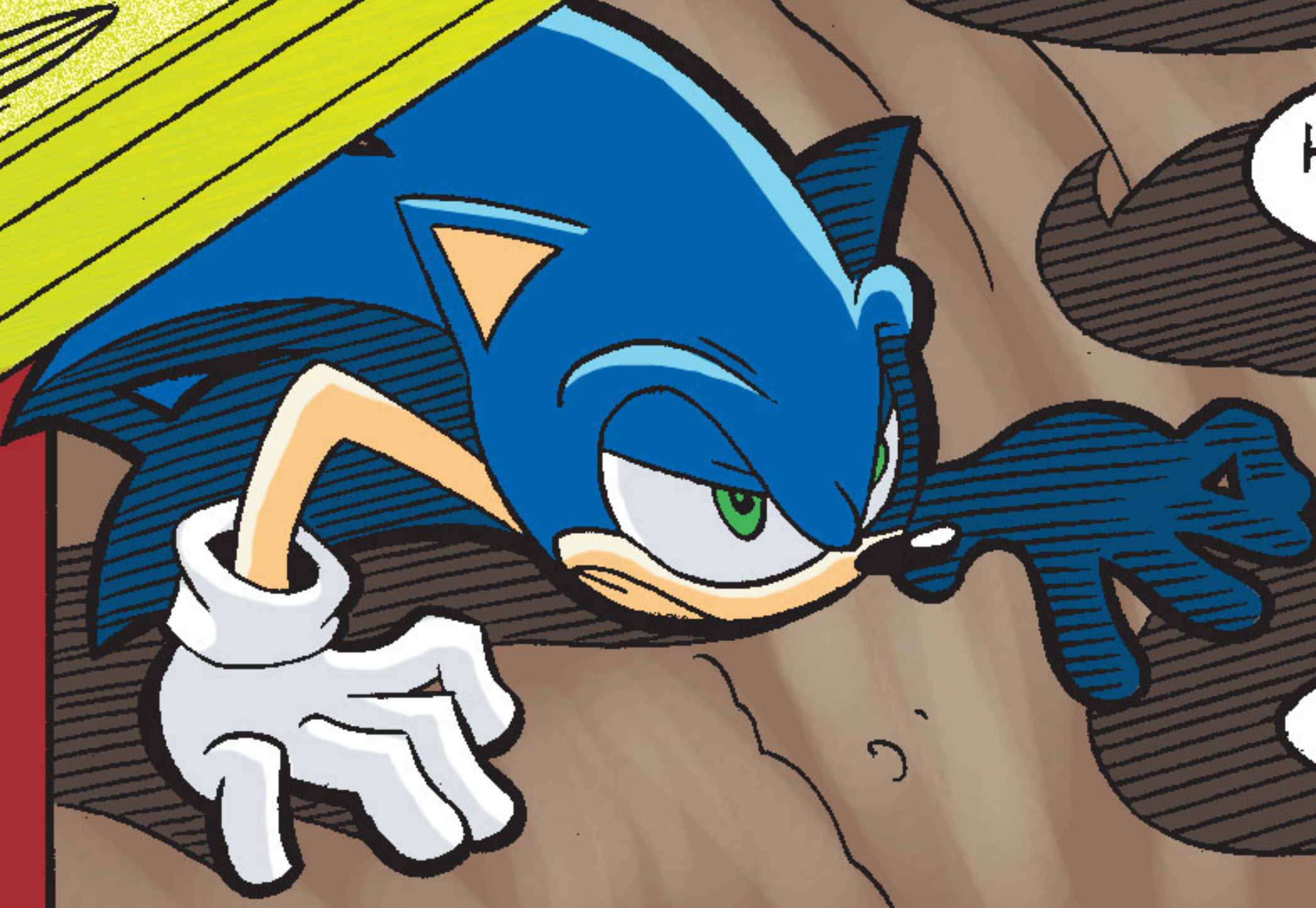


AND FOR THE RECORDS, I'M THE FASTEST!



WE HAVEN'T INTRODUCED OURSELVES TO THE VICTIM YET.

HOW RUDE OF US.



WHATEVER.



JET THE HAWK.

STORM THE ALBATROSS.

WAVE THE SWALLOW.

WE'RE THE BABYLON ROGUES.

**NEXT MONTH: HOW CAN SONIC KEEP UP WITH THE BABYLON ROGUES? MAYBE WITH A LITTLE HELP FROM HIS FRIENDS!**

**LOOK FOR SONIC X #10 ON SALE THIS JUNE!  
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